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Mortgages tumble to 31-year low

Clarke surprises City with rate cut

ORTGAGE rates fell to their lowest level since day after Chancellor Kenneth Clarke ambushed the City with the fourth cut in base rates in six months.

Despite Bank of England misgivings, Mr Clarke took advantage of the recession in manufacturing and the recent surge in the pound to trim borrowing costs by a quarter point to 5.75 per cent. The City had expected rates to

The Chancellor brushed aside allegations that he was birned with brisker High trying to stoke up economic Street sides, will show that eral election, insisting that he was on course to bit the Gov-

Within hours of yesterday morning's move, Britain's biggest building society, the Halifax, dropped-mortgage rates to below 7 per cent in an attempt to maintain the recent momentum in the housing market. Its main rival, the Abbey National, was forced to follow suit, de-spite originally arguing against a reduction.

The monthly cost of a typi-cal £50,000 Halifax repayment loan will be cut by £7.44 as rates slide from 7.25 per cent to 6.99 per cent, their fourth fall this year and the lowest for 31 years, although base rates went as low as 5 per cent

The new monthly cost of \$265 will be less than half the

Base rates

Real incomes are rising House prices are rising Consumers are spending

Unemployment is falling Why it's doing badly

Manufacturing is in

ety had cut rates with the housing market in mind. "Al-though house prices have risen recently, the numbers of

three months of the year than last year, which

by 0.25 per cent to 7.04 per

cent for loans up to £80,000, while warning that it may not

tionwide, Woolwich and Alli-ance & Leicester are under

review, although the much smaller Northern Rock has

Abbey National chief econ-

omist Margaret Schwarz said: "We are concerned that if the

markets view this as simple

electioneering then interest rates will have to rise in the

long term — not good for ho-mebuyers in the end.

how long this cut can be sus-

tained, and are also con-cerned about savers, who are

already complaining about

Ministerial parties in the

government offices overlook-ing Horseguards Parade are a

tradition. Nonetheless trained Portillo-watchers detected a pattern to the incident. Mr Portillo's 10th anni-

versary as Tory MP for

Southgate in 1994 was marked

by a constituency party at the Alexander Palace which also

Despite his current vocal loyalty to John Major — defi-

nitely enough to drown out

the bands of the Household Cavalry — Portillo loyalists

believe some Tory MPs and

ministers brief against their

heir apparent. It seems

aroused controversy.

their low returns."

"We are very uncertain

followed the Halifax.

transactions are still weak, with those in the first

benchers that the recovery in | no reason to change its mind the housing market, com- The decision was taken at the

The Confederation of Srinish Industry, while welcoming the impact of the cut on dustry, reported yesterday that retailers and car showrooms were already enjoying buoyant trading conditions. Spending in May on items associated with a healthy housing market - including carpets, furniture and DIY was at its highest level stoce 1968, the confederation said.

But the Chancellor emphasised that the economy as a whole was still aluggish and that with cost pressures weakening, a cut in rates was "sensible".

signs last night that Mr

1990 peak, raising hopes for a further reduction in bor-

Boom or bust?

Why it's doing well

Construction is in recession Exports are struggling investment is poor

Labour claimed the cut. The Abbey Nati alture to maintain Britain's manufacturing base. Shadow Chancellor Gordon Brown said: "The interest rate cut today comes not because the economy is strong, but because it is weak. The Chancel lor has cut rates because growth and business investments are depressed and manufacturing is now techni-

Westminster sources played down talk of an early election, stressing that the size of the Government's opinion poll deficit with Labour remained huge.
But with Mr Clarke and his

Clarke is again at odds with Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, over base rates.

Less than a month ago the bank said there was no case for a further and his treasury team gathering at his country residence today to discuss the November Budget, some City analysts said the decision had the whiff of political expediency about it. 1990 peak, raising hopes for a further reduction in bor James Barty, chief UK Economy does the splits among Conservative back- rowing costs, and it has seen acconomist with Deutsche and Notebook, page 11 Pol Pot, the master of Cambodia's killing fields, is reported dead



'This will end one of the most terrible tragedies of our history'

Nick Cumming-Bruce in Bangkok

OL POT, the ruthless guiding spirit in one of the century's most brutal regimes, is seriously ill and may already be dead according to a flurry of reports from Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh, and the Thai-Cambodian border.

Pot, who came to personify a reign of terror that killed at least 1 million Cambodians and probably many more, suf-fered an attack of malaria and is dying, according to intelligence released yesterday by the Cambodian interior and defence ministries.

Although the government in Phnom Penh said it could not confirm reports of his death it would, if true, be good news for Cambodia. The head of state, King Norodom sihanouk, predicted that the Khmer Rouge guerrilla movement might fragment, and said: "This will then be the end of one of the most terrible

tragedies of our history." The reports, based one accounts of government that Pot, aged 68, is still in agents and villagers living near Khmer Rouge strong holds along the border with haunted the Thai-Cambodian Thailand, echoed those from Beijing in recent days. But in a chance encounter

with a Thai reporter working

guerrillas' 390th division, said they were on their way to Pol Pot's funeral in the Khmer Rouge stronghold of Phnom Malai Even so, it could emerge

Khmer Rouge guerrillas said

yesterday that Pol Pot had died on Tuesday.

haunted the Thai-Cambodian border for most of the past 18 years since he was driven out by Vietnamese troops, has been reported dead before. Turn to page 2, column 8

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Portillo mass band beats cavalry did make a phone call. We all quietened down."

Michael White

HE Defence Secretary, Michael Portilio, beat a tactical retreat in the face of allegations yesterday that a drinks party he held in his Whitehall office overlooking Horseguards Parade was so noisy that it drowned out the massed bands of the Household Cavalry. The party was so noisy that police were sent to request the revellers to be quieter At the time the bands were

beating a retreat of their own. in one of the more magnificent spectacles on offer to London tourists in the summer months. Scotland Yard confirmed yesterday that several complaints over a 'mmor incident' had been Whitehall sources were de-

ployed to suggest that any idea that "a few people having drinks could drown out massed bands is ludicrous". But Mr Portillo himself, whose love of parties is one of the ideological advantages he enjoys over John Redwood, did the decent thing. "If this party caused an odd distur-



Michael Portillo . . . cheers with apology

bance to a single person I am very sorry," he said. Kensington Palace obligingly confirmed that high spirits at the Defence Secretary's open window had not interfered with Princess Margaret's enjoyment of the event, at which she took the

Britain



down on the night air, spoil-ing the Last Post and the

World News



Princess Margaret carried on saluting

National Anthem Words like "outrage" and "utterly ruined" were used "Don't these people have any respect?" said one speciator. One Tory rightwinger who was present insisted. "It was not a noisy party. Occasionally one or two people did turn around at the back of the

scarcely credible. Questions were asked during last night's RAF debate in the Commons with Labour's John Spellar denouncing "Hoorah Henrys" and Menzies Campbell, for the Liberal Democrats, making unkind comparisons with the Eng-land football team's flight

home from Hong Kong He called on Terry Venables to investigate. Mr Portillo's deputy, Nicholas Soames, mainfor the French news agency Finance

AFP near the border town of Aranyaprathet, a group of **₿Sport** it was a fine day

for English cricket as Incla were all out for 214 in the opening day of the summer's first Test



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at Edgbaston.

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Out for the count in dragon's dungeon



Simon Hoggart

OME OFFICE question time has become like some awful horror movie; not a Hammer film of the 60s, in improbable colours with busty starlets getting bitten in the neck, but one of the sombre, expressionist black and white classics of the past. Jack Straw is Jonathan Harker, the innocent young man sent with letters of introduction to the Count of Castle Dracula. Dusk is gathering.

As he walks upward, clouds swirl down the mountain towards the tiny village, misting over his glasses. Cackling squeegee mer-chants push towards him, waving their greasy, dripping sponges in his face. Knots of ragged children — many as young as 10 — cluster at street corners, pointing at the stranger, jeering at his ner-vous, blinking eyes. He makes

all up, or possibly eat them. Outside the tavern stands a loutish fellow (David Evans, C, Welwyn). He is bellowing at a crowd, trying to persuade the peasants to rise against

a mental note that he will have his friend the Count lock them

newcomers. "We are sick an' tire' of immigrants who come 'ere, pay nuffink and take everyfink. Immigrants should stay 'ere for five years before they can use our Elf service. We know that lo' over there...[he points at Straw]... would let everybo'y in, and it's the tax-payer would pie the bill!"
Straw shudders and

resumes his march up to the castle. But even as he climbs onward he can hear the voice of the sinister Tim Kirkhope (C. Leeds NE), a minister who is using the simple bigotry and ignorance of the lower orders to pursue his own dark ends. "I congratulate my friend on his robust remarks," he says, silkily. "If only the honourable gentleman and his colleagues opposite had been more supportive, we might have been able to deal with matters more It is cold now, icy cold, and the snow is falling hard —

hough it is not the only eason why Straw shivers as he continues on his quest. Finally he reaches the castle and hammers on the door. It is opened by a woman, a woman as wide as she is tall, capped by a mane of jet-black

ture he has ever seen. Yet he gives a start of recognition, for she is the Count's most faithful servant, once christened "Ann Widdecombe" in who can say what century, but known to mortal man by other names — Doris Karloff, Bella Lugosi, Yvonne

hair, quite unlike any crea-

Chaney Jr, Glad the Impaler. Glad is obsessed by the distant past. She shrieks at an innocent retainer (Greville Janner, Lab, Leicester W): "He seems to think that *we* are responsible for overcrowding in prisons! Under the last Labour government there wa a 15 per cent increase in prison population but a capital funding cut!"

She shuffles down the dank stone-flagged corridor to the dungeons, muttering as she goes: "Callous neglect of the Opposition . . . neglect of over-

Inside, manacled to the wall, is David Ashby (C, Leics NW), condemned by a court for unnatural practices, his political life about to brought to its end. Pathetically, he tries to curry favour with Glad in the hopes of a reprieve. "Does she not agree that this shows that Conserva

tive policies are the correct Glad yells back in rage. "We inherited from the last Labour government..." she screeches before the other prisoners drown her with their moaning and their jee For she has spent most of the last few decades living in a coffin, and to her events of 17 years ago are as fresh in her

mind as yesterday. Dark has now fallen, and moments later young Straw is face to face with the Count! "Your schimm is full of difficilties," he says in his weird, sibilant accent. The only cif-few the Libber Party is likely to impose is on — you!" Terror sweeps through the young

(Continued next month.)

Brother Number One: Pol Pot in 1979, resting in jungle territory where Khmer Rouge forces were regrouping following Vietnam's invasion

Potted history

☐ MAY 19, 1928: Pol Pot was born Saloth Sar to modstly prosperous peasants.

□ 1949: He leaves for technical training in Paris, but becomes involved in a Marxist circle. After failing

is exama, he returns to Cambodia in 1953 and joins the Indochinese Commu-

☐ JULY 1962: Pol Pot emerges as head of Cambodia's revolutionary party as the war in Vietnam escalates. Prince Sihanouk starts to repress the left, driving Pot underground.

□ APRIL 17, 1975: After a five-year war, revolutionary forces sweep Pol Pot to power in Phnom Penh, which the Khmer

Rouge immediately empties in the first step towards creating a Maoist utopia. A cre of 300 officers marks the first step towards the systematic liquidation of "enemies". More than

million Cambodians die of starvation and disease.

☐ DECEMBER 1978: Vietnam invades Cambodia. Pol Pot flees to the Thai border where the Khmer Rouge regroup. They start to resist

☐ 1985: Pol Pot "retires",

leader of the Khmer Rouge, who take advantage of Vietnam's withdrawal in 1989 to advance.

□ 1992: The Khmer Rouge pull out of the UN-run peace process and step up attacks. They challenge plans for elections, but are isolated by massive popular support

'dying or now dead'

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Sources in the Thai mili-tary, which supported the Khmer Rouge in the 1980s and after, said yesterday that Pol Pot was sick, but in no dan-ger. His sickness was normal for an old man, a Thai intelligence officer said, and not that serious.

Such uncertainty and secrecy are part of the armoury of a revolutionary leader, driven as much by paranoia as by the Maoist fanaticism Pol Pot inflicted on Cambodia after the Khmer Rouge seized power in Phnom Penh in 1975. However, reports of his death will fuel debate about the guerrilla movement's future. It faces the prospect of waging a rearguard action as much against the tide of changing political and economic conditions in Cambodia, as against the offensives of dismally-led troops dispatched by a corruptionriddled government

At the start of the decade, Khmer Rouge guerrillas menaced the authorities throughout much of the country. Since the guerrillas' decision to pull out of UN-run elec-tions in 1993 supported enthu-siastically by Cambodians, an increasingly isolated Khmer Rouge has pulled back to strongholds along the western

border with Thailand. Battle-hardened guerrilla units continue to inflict heavy casualties on government forces. But the quest for

power has given way to a battle for survival.

The role of Pol Pot. known as Brother Number One, in decision-making in recent years is as unclear as the likely impact of his death. Khmer Rouge radio announced his retirement in 1985 but, by all accounts, he has continued to play a cen-

First night Ashes to ashes, lust to lust . . .

Michael Billington Habeae Corpus

EX and death reverberate through Alan Ben-nett's joyous farce, Habeas Corpus, Unseen in London since 1973, it gets a magnificent revival by Sam Mendes at the Donmar Warehouse, and does a lot to light up our increasingly dingy West End theatre.

As in all the best farces, the characters are in the grip of some overwhelming obsession. Arthur Wicksteed, a Hove GP, pursues all the sex he can get. His neglected wife craves the sensual fun life has denied her, his flat-chested sister yearns for mountainous breasts, a celibate canon aches to lose his virginity, a falsielongs to see the perfect fit. Identities are mistaken and wires crossed as these characters seek in various ways to indulge their long-felt wants.

The play has a Latin title. It could equally well have another: carpe diem (seize the day), for Bennett's point is that we suspend our fear of death; of the body's decay, of our knowledge that all flesh is grass, by our constant urge for

To the randy GP, the huma body is both a cesspit and a source of endless pleasure. and he finally states the play's governing theme: "He whose

ust lasts, lasts longest." What makes the play so beguiling, however, is its mixture of the sensual and the stylish. It is like a Magill postcard crossed with Magritte. a Cooney and Chapman farce

rewritten in the manner of

ingenious. But when Wicksteed's neglected wife talks of "my body lying there night after night in the wasted moonlight: I know now how the Taj Mahal must feel", the writing skilfully mixes the

poignant with a comic payoff. Mendes's production may not be quite as cartoonish as Ronald Eyre's original but it gets even closer to the play's mix of tumescence and mortality. Rob Howell's spartan set comprises a painted background of fleecy clouds. And the performances combine humanity with a hard-driving

farcical style. Jim Broadhent's Wickstee moves marvellously from perkiness to sadness as he perkiness to satness as the prowis the West Pier waiting for a non-arriving date. Brenda Blethyn as his wife makes something touching as well as funny out of the scene where the falsie-fitter probes her breasts. Nicholas Woodeson hints at the Arturo Ui-like maria lurking within the for-mal breast of a BMA bigshot. And there is firm support, in every sense, from Sarah Woodward as the would-be oneumatic sister and Natalie

Walter as a cantilevered sex-pot much possessed by death. pot much possessed by death.
A dirty mind, someone said,
is a joy forever. But the great
thing about Bennett is that he
combines a juvenile delight in
sex with a middle aged many awareness of mortality. And what makes his play so ap-pealing is its sense that, even if death claims us all, we might as well make the most of our slowly decaying bodies. This review appeared in later editions yesterday.

Patrick Wintour and David Sharrock

RESIDENT Clinton's aide, Senator George Mitchell, was banded a key role yesterday in next Monday's Northern Iraland beace talks, provok ing a furious reaction from Unionists and a threat by one Tory backbencher, Terry turn John Major's government into a minority admin-

There was also unease

had become embedded in the | with Sinn Fein excluded at | peace process.

Mr Mitchell's key role as

one of the chairmen, however, is vital to intensive arm-twisting of Sinn Fein by the Irish government and the administration in their effort to persuade the IRA to announce a ceasefire and open the door to Sinn Fein for the peace talks.

Both the Irish prime minis-

Major will attend the talks' opening ceremonies, the cul-mination of negotiation since the initial IRA ceasefire in among other Unionist Tories August 1994. There is a sel, in marked contra about the degree to which the strong chance of the opening recent war-mo American administration day descending into farce remarks by the IRA.

the gates and Unionists kicking up over the presence of Mr Bruton and the role afforded to Mr Mitchell. The three main unionist parties plan to meet before Monday to agree a common strategy.

Dick Spring, the Irish for-eign minister, speaking at the end of three days of intensive negotiations in London, emo-tionally urged the IRA to talks represented the best chance for peace.

Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, kept his counsel, in marked contrast to the war-mongering

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, ing: "It is manifest that Sinn Fein have excluded themselves from these negotiations. We regret that greatly. But good faith negotiations cannot take place in a democ-

racy if one group is inextrica-bly linked with those who threaten to carry out atrocious acts of violence while negotiations are proceedings."
Mr Dicks told Channel 4

News tonight: "Why do we of talks dealing with relations need a foreigner, who happens to be an Irish-American Catholic from the Clinton-Kennedy school? Why do we British government will chair

need him sitting there at all?" the first strand of talks on an The detailed package gives internal settlement for North-Senator Mitchell the role of ern Ireland. Both governchairing the opening plenary session as well as the crucial sub-committee responsible for overseeing the best means of handing over paramilitary

rangement, Senator Mitchell's colleague on the arms delast year — Canadian General John de Chastelain — will chair the vital second strand

ments will chair the third strand of talks on Dublin-London relations.

deputy leader Peter Robinson condemned the appointment of Senator Mitchell. "What degree of impartiality can unionists expect from a Cathocommissioning committee of lic Irish American from the same stable as the Kennedys' The Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble said the peace process would grind to a halt without decommissioning.

Oral sex added Logs blamed for solo rower's death to HIV risk list He set off from Vostochny, near Vladivostok, on March

Mitchell peace role angers Unionists

Tim Radford Science Editor

LEADING US Aids research centre warns today that oral sex could carry a much higher risk of HIV transmission than previously thought.

"On the basis of reports on humans and our study, unprotected receptive oral intercourse should be added to the list of behaviours that place people at risk for infec-tion by HIV-1," said Dr Ruth Ruprecht, of the laboratory of viral pathogenesis at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute n Boston.

The experiments, reported today in the US journal Science, were conducted on macaque monkeys, and with simian immunodeficiency virus or SIV, closely related to HIV. Results from animal experiments are not always a guide to human hazard. But researchers had always assumed that oral infection was less likely than infection through a wound or sore. The discovery arose out of

be transmitted in childbirth.

Ruprecht and colleagues various concentrations of SIV on the tongues of seven monkeys. Six became in-fected. Two have since died of Aids. "We were surprised to find the minimal dose needed to achieve infection after oral exposure in controlled laboratory conditions was 6,000 times lower than that needed for rectal infection."

But this does not mean that oral sex is more dangerous. Human studies have consistently shown that rectal intercourse is the high-risk activ ity. But the researchers say it is a warning that unprotected oral sex with an infected partner is not safe: infection can occur even in the absence of mouth sores or gum disease.

The scientists also tried injecting SIV into the macaques. "Our results show it took 830 times more virus to infect animals orally than intravenously," said Dr

Ruprecht.
Dr Alan Stone, of the Medical Research Council's Aids secretariat, said: "The findings indicate that you really have to have a pretty big dose esearch into how HIV might of HIV for there to be a high chance of infection. There is Working with researchers at no need to be alarmed about toothbrushes or kissing."

John Ezard ETER Bird's odysseys summed up in the title of his book Small Boat

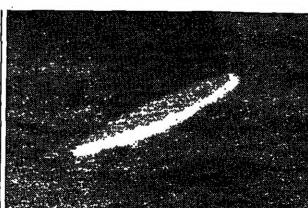
Against The Sea — have ended in the waters he traversed alone so passionately and so often for 22 years. Hope was given up yester-day for the 49-year-old British solo oarsman after his boat was found off the north Japanese coast, apparently cap-sized by timber smashed down on it by 33 ft waves in a

force nine gale. His final log book entries were found on the boat on Sunday by the captain of a ship responding to a Mayday call picked up by a United Airlines plane. There was no sign of his body.

Part of the entries said: "At last a firm SW wind. The gale arrived at last ... It's good that I am heading in the right direction for once and long

may it last."
The ship's captain, who had to sail 60 miles to reach the accident, found the little craft wallowing in the waves with its bulkhead smashed. He reported many logs floating

earby. Mr Bird's survival suit and lifejacket were still inside the boat, indicating he had not boat, indicating he had not said last night. will not be able to rest until I had time to put them on. His friends believe the gale killed was a freak accident. Peter that," he said.



London, held two records: for spending 304 days, 14 hours and 50 minutes alone at sea more than any other human being — and for the first solo crossing of the South Pacific. Last night his partner Polly Wickham was wondering how to break the news to their five-year-old son Louis. Louis was so fond of his dad," Mr Bird's mother Joan

Peter Bird's capsized boat, seen from a Japanese plane

unconscious.

Mr Bird, from Fulham, wesi

to be very hard to imagine life

on this earth without him.

Peter Bird was making his

fourth attempt to become the

first carsman to cross the 4,400 miles through the North

him by blowing 10 ft logs was doing what he loved. He against his rowing boat and possibly knocking him unconscious. was doing what he loved. He was a professional person, the boat was super — it was just the elements. Peter was one of the elements. reter was one of those people everyone was pleased to see. He lit up the whole situation when he ar-rived. I only have the highest of feelings for him. It's going to be very hard to imagine life

days. He was in his 29ft, £32,000 custom built cedarwood and glass fibre boat, Sector II, which had a tiny cabin and was equipped with satellite navigation. He entered the Pacific on April 8 after navigating the Sea of Japan and reported good progress. His method was to row eight hours a day, 20 strokes a minute with a three-minute breather at the end of each

Then came "that special time when the sun goes down and the moment is right for a gentle drop of whisky to greet

26, expecting to take about 400

A friend said he had spoken to his mother over the week-end and to others in his sup-

port team Peter Bird's first marathon voyage was 3,500 miles from Gibraltar to St Lucia with a

riend in 1974. Later, he endured hurricanes and capsiz-ing. He always feared "doing a Maxwell" — falling off a boat and being unable to get back on board. But he said: "These trips Pacific from Russia to the United States west coast. "I to stretch themselves ... I choose to be alone and thus, by definition, I am not are part of my life. Lots of

Cruise to Calais in comfort...

Wee rumpus rocks town ROPERTY magnate Rob- pressing on with his applica-ert Bellhouse is causing a tion to Cotswold district council later this month. wee bit of bother in the Cotswold town of Tetbury, where

Bellhouse, of nearby Uley, is | it imported here."

country home. He is planning to erect a five-foot-high copy of the Manneken-Pis, Brussels's famous urinating child, over the public toilets in the centre of the Gloucestershire town. Although town councillors

the Prince of Wales has his

"I just think it will be a bit of fun and highlight the loca-tion of the toilets," he said. "I don't think there is anything outrageous about it - after all, it's a famous work of art." But the town's mayor, Brian Kimber, said: "It's out of keeping. I'm fed up to the back teeth with Brussels and I oppose his application, Mr don't want to see any part of

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Susie Orbach: In January the Mail accused Princess Diana's then therapist of neglecting her own family, saying she neglected her aunt

"They phoned every single person — every address they could get hold of. People who hadn't seen me for 20 years were saying I have just had this extraordinary conversation with somebody from the Mail. Then they did 12 pages in the Mail on Sunday."



Patricia Hewitt: Allegations that she lied about her first marriage re-surfaced in the Daily Mail when she questioned the legal framework of marriage at a recent conference on fatherhood. She again won damages.

"I'm quite certain that they are out to get women on the left. My first husband alerted me immediately he was approached. I do think that the Mail newspapers are particularly vicious."



Lady Tessa Blackstone: The Daily Mail told the Opposition spokesperson on foreign affairs in the Lords they wanted to write a profile of her. "I said 'no'. They then rang my daughter and started asking her questions about my private life which she refused to answer. They then sent somebody out to my mother's house in the country and she's over 80. They then went to her elderly neighbours."



Liz Forgan: The Mail ran a series of pieces about Ms Forgan when she left Channel 4 to ioin the BBC. Some of them focussed on her relationship with a married man.

These are methods which are absolutely appropriate for the revelations of crime and serious wrong-doing. There is a long and noble tradition in journalism of undercover exhaustive investigative methods. But the question is the end to which these methods are being used."

Radical women hounded in 'private lives campaign'

NUMBER of leading leftwing women last night accused the Daily Mail of delving into their private lives in an attempt to discredit them in the run-up to the general

Their complaints follow an account by the journalist Polly Toynbee of repeated at-tempts by the Mail to elicit information about her private life from her friends, colleagues and family.
As a result of Guardian in-

quiries yesterday, it emerged that at least six other women publicly identified with the left had received unwelcome attention from Daily Mail journalists in recent months.

Anna Coote, deputy director of the Institute for Public Policy Research, accused the Mail of conducting a campaign against women on the left. "Clearly they want to demonise feminists or people they perceive as feminists who are close to the Labour Party or the left. There's no

to get women on the left."
The Daily Mail, which prides itself on its support for traditional family values, is apparently focusing on the women's marital situations, allegedly looking for any discrepancy between their pub-lic pronouncements and their personal circumstances.

Ms Toynbee, a leading col-umnist and former BBC social affairs correspondent, said she had decided to go on tothe offensive in a front-page tothe offensive in a front-page article in the Independent newspaper after neighbours, friends and colleagues were contacted by a Daily Mail journalist "digging for dirt". One neighbour was asked at what hours he had observed any men coming and going at

sleepless nights wondering what they were after. It was not until they'd rung all these Patricia Hewitt, a close adnessed neighbours that it suddenly viser to Tony Blair, said: "I'm dawned on me that I had to

quite certain that they are out | hit back first. I thought: I ac tually don't have a secret. My life is very public."

A Daily Mail spokesman said last night: "Ask David Mellor, John Major, Lord MacKay and Michael Grade whether the Mail is only critical of leftwing women.
"The Mail attacks humbug

and hypocrisy wherever it finds it. Polly Toynbee is cer-tainly guilty of both, but on this occasion no article was written, nor was there any plan to run one." Labour's shadow minister

for women with special res-ponsibility for family matters, Tessa Jowell, was among those allegedly targeted over the breakdown of her first what hours he had observed any men coming and going at her house.

Ms Toynbee told the Guardian: "I was terrified. I had asking about her stepmother. "He said: 'Can I run a few things past you about your stepmother?' I said 'No, I

don't speak about my step-mother, and put the phone

lowell's first husband, who is dead. Calls were also made to people she had worked along-

side during her years at Cam-den Council. "We felt like we

sive on our family." Baroness Tessa Blackstone, Opposition spokeswoman on foreign affairs in the Lords and chair of the IPPR, also had unwelcome attention from the Mall. Earlier this year a journalist asked an intermediary whether she would agree to "have a profile done on her".

"I said no. They then rang my daughter and told her they were doing a profile and started asking her questions about my private life which she refused to answer.

"They then sent somebody out to my mother's house in the country and she's over 80. As it happened she was not there, but they then went to her elderly neighbours. "They completely ignored what I had said was 'no'. And never did they tell my daugh-ter that I had said 'no'."

down. He called back again a couple of weeks later, and then again." Ms Mills said.

Aftempts were also made to speak to the father of Tessa had lied to conceal her first marriage, to the son of a Con-servative MP. The charge was repeated by the Daily Mail in another context, resulting in a further pay-out recently. were under siege," said Ms Mills. "It was horribly intru-

Susie Orbach, the psychothe apist, was accused by the Mail of not being a fit person to counsel the Princess of Wales on her relationships, claiming she had neglected an aunt and uncle who. Ms Orsach told the Guardian yesterday, were not blood relations.

"They phoned every single person — every address they could get hold of. I got phone calls from Belgium, America, New Zealand, everywhere — people who hadn't seen me for 20 years saying 'I have just had this extraordinary telephone conversation with the Daily Mail'."

Liz Forgan, former head of BBC Radio, who was singled out for her relationship with a married man, said the Mail's methods were appro-priate to crime investigation or serious wrongdoing, but they were being used for the



Polly Toynbee . . . "it dawned on me I had to hit back first"

Going public

Polly Toynbee: Alerted to Daily Mail investigation into her three-year relationship with a man who is separated from his wife, the Independent and former Guardian columnist took the offensive by writing about their tactics.

"I was terrified. I had sleepless nights wondering what they were after. It was not until they'd rung all these numbers that it suddenly dawned on me i had to hit back first. I thought, I actually don't have a secret. My life is very public. It may be that they want to misrepresent my situation in a malevolent light, but I don't have a

Regulator's price cuts plan angers British Gas

RITISH GAS clashed angrily with the industry regulator Clare her proposals for fresh price controls that would cut £60 from the average domestic gas bill by the end of the decade.

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Accusing British Gas of peddling "an emotional bar-rage" and "scare stories" about impairments to safety arising from her price con-trols. Ms Spottiswoode said that her plans to cut charges by £40 from next year, with further cuts thereafter, were justified by recent profits. Although her proposals

were welcomed by consumer groups, Philip Rogerson, dep-uty chairman of British Gas, warned that price cuts on such a scale would lead to a further squeeze on costs, just when demands on the business were increasing two of competition in the domes-

tic market. Claiming that profits would be "very badly squeezed" even if British Gas managed to cut costs as sharply as Ms Spottiswoode envisaged, Mr pany would decide in August whether further job los were needed on top of the 25,000 already made by the embattled group.

The company would also go to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission unless she softened her proposals for price caps already announced on its TransCo pipeline and transportation business, he

terday. British Gas Trading. which supplies 18 million



Clare Spottiswoode says profits justify controls

the average domestic bill of £325 by £8 in !?87/98, with further cuts in prices in the following two years.

Coupled with plans an-nounced in May to cut TransCo prices, the average gas bill would fall by almost £40 that year. By tightening price con-

ish Gas Trading from the in-flation rate less 45 per cent. Ms Spottiswoode intends to cut £60 from bills by the end of the decade. British Gas will respond formally on Friday to the TransCo proposals, and by the end of the month on yes-

terday's plans. Price cuts could have been £13 more next year had the director-general of gas supply insisted on BG charging the going rate for gas from its own Morecambe Bay offshore

the past, when gas prices were higher, BG's supply arm price. But Ms Spottiswoode decided against measures to shield the consumer from these charges, deciding it was a "step too far".

BG is also seeking to rene gotiate costly gas supply con-tracts with other suppliers. Ms Spottiswoode said that she expected the group to pass those savings on to the

The new price limits will tariffs - DirectPay, Option-Pay, Prepayment and Standard - and any other tariff launched before next April when the controls come into

The company is free to launch uncontrolled tariffs after that date, but must continue to offer the four basic the controls are due to end. Ofgas is also demanding that standards of service should stay at present levels, with increased compensation when these standards are not

net. Ian Powe, director of the Gas Consumers' Council, de-scribed it as a "triumphant day for regulation and gas consumers". He said: "Ofgas's separate proposals, for TransCo and for British Gas ance of shareholder and con-sumer interest and reshape the market as an attractive place for British Gas and its

Labour's competition spokesman, Kim Howells. predicted that the cuts would "very, very painful" for British Gas. John Redwood the former Tory leadership challenger, said it was "excelgas field.

Under contracts signed in lent news" for consumers.

tion taking a back seat."

RIGIVES NEW boy' extra £42,500 for 90 day's work

Nicholas Bannister

SIR PETER Bonfield, British Telecom's new chief executive, has been awarded a £42,500 bonus after three months in the

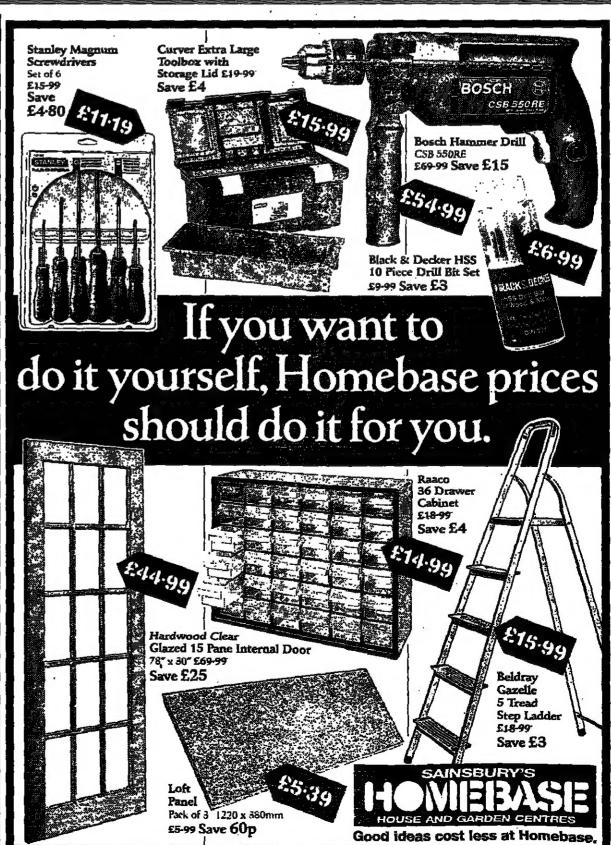
BT says boardroom bonuses are an appropriate reward for executives "who have achieved results against stretching targets". Sir Peter, the former chief executive of the ICL comary for his first three benefits worth £4,500.

A spokesman for the Communication Workers Union said it would take a BT engineer nearly 21/2 years to earn £42,500. "It's not a bad bonus for a new

boy," he said. He pointed out that on an annual basis, Sir Peter's total pay package would be worth over £663,000, more than the £657,500 paid to the group's executive chair-man, Sir Iain Vallance.

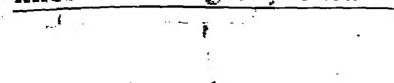
He added that Sir Iain's pay was expected to fall by up to £200,000 next year after giving up the chief ex-ecutive's role. "It would seem, therefore, that the chief executive's job is worth £200,000 a year yet the company is paying three times that amount." A BT spokeswoman said that Sir Iain's overall pay, which rose from £599,300 to £657,500, included a £162,000 bonus which would not be repeated next year since he would no longer be eligible for

BT workers are seeking a 6 per cent pay rise this year, following a similar



The whole history of the arts is filled with examples of violent hostility between critic and artist. No one likes to be judged. And, from time immemorial, painters, composers, writers and performers have reacted like fury to the wasp-stings of critics.

Michael Billington, Review gover story



London heat tops Nairobi

Sto look no further than Britain yesterday as the country basked in sunshine and temperatures to rival those of Africa and the Mediterranean, writes

Sue Quinn.
A top of 30C (86F) in London pipped temperatures in Naples and Nairobi. Highs of 25C were recorded in Birmingham

20C in Manchester and 18C in Scotland.
"It was the hottest day so far this year, but it is nothing particularly unusual for the time of year," said a London Weather Centre

"It just seems remarkable because it has come so quickly after a period of relatively cold weather." The rising mercury brought with it the predictable range of heat-related problems.

Poor air quality is pre-dicted for the entire country today, and dangerously high levels of ozone and nitrogen dioxide are expected in some areas of London and the South.

There was also a fresh warning of possible sprinkler and hosepipe bans in parts of the country, with Yorkshire and the North



plan for regions

Regeneration report is biggest pitch yet for Labour deputy leader

Patrick Wintour, Chief Political Correspondent

next week make his biggest political pitch since becoming Labour deputy leader when he publishes a sweeping plan to regenerate Britain's declin-

ing regions.
The plan, the product of a cash by rescheduling local authority debt repayment. It also proposes new regional development agencies empowered to issue fixed income bonds to improve funding for new business. Risk would be shared with the private

sector.

Overall, the plan proposes that the £11 billion that the Government currently spends on the regions must be made democratically accountable and decentralised

It also suggests that local authorities be empowered to take minority stakes in local companies.
There would be a minister

for the regions at cabinet level. This could possibly suit Mr Prescott himself, since he has yet to be assigned a clear

ernment. Mr Prescott's allies will in speeches next week also argue that a precondition for British membership of a single currency must be a strong regional policy for

the South-east and East The report has not been squared in advance with the report prepared by a team led shadow chancellor. Gordon stress at its launch next week dent of Labour and are not de signed to increase government spending. However, it is known that Mr Prescott. an enthusiast for stronger

Britain, since otherwise the

only areas to benefit would be

regional economic policy, supports the bulk of the The importance of Labour's approach to the regions will be underlined in a speech next week to the CBI in Leeds by Dick Caborn, one of Mr Prescott's closest allies. He will argue that peripheral regions will lose from a single currency unless a Labour government runs a far stronger regional policy to resist centralisation of economic

growth in Germany, France, and Northern Italy.

regional policy needs to im-prove local industrial compet-itiveness, rather than acting as a form of sticking-plaster social policy for deprived

The report states that current regional policy is centra lised, prescriptive, piecemea tated by remote ministers, or by appointees of local quangos, and pays scant regard to the relative needs of different

Mr Millan will propose development agencies for every region of England. They will be responsible to the new. possibly-elected, regional ambers but be operationally separate, acting as their utive arm for economic development. The agency boards will be appointed by the chambers and include local authorities, businesses, bankers, and trade unionists. Central legislation would be passed for each agency, but each would choose the powers

on which it wished to act. Assisted area status should continue for areas of high unemployment, but status should take account of wider factors, including pending economic decline. Regional Selective Assistance, the main regional instrument of the Department of Trade and Industry, would be altered to include grants for product de-The chief theme of the velopment, training and report, compiled by regional research.

climbs down again

Alam Travis Home Affairs Editor

High Court action last night forced Michael Howard to withdraw a restrictive regime introduced only four days ago for hun-dreds of thousands of applicants who want to stay tempo

rarily in Britain. The Home Secretary had to climb down over six new compulsory immigration forms to be completed by all overseas students, husbands and wives applying to stay with their spouses, visiting business people, artists and writers and elderly and other dependent relatives applying to stay with their families.

More than 30,000 people have been asked to complete the forms since they were in-troduced last month. They became compulsory on Monday for all those seeking leave to

remain or settle in the UK.

The threat of legal action was brought by immigration lawyers who believe the forms require the applicants to supply an extensive range of original documents, includ-ing for example grandparents' birth and marriage cer-tificates. Failure to provide originals, not copies, of all the requested documents will automatically mean the application fails and the person

may face deportation.
Labour's immigration
spokesman Douglas Henderson said last night: "It is another humiliation for a home secretary who thinks he con trample over existing law without reference

Parliament. The application for judicial review came from the Immi-gration Law Practitioners Association, representing 650 lawyers, who claimed the application procedures amounted to "a draconian and absolutist approach which threatened to deprive thousands of people wanting to remain in Britain of their

legal rights. A High Court judge. Mr Justice Dyson, agreed and in-dicated he would have granted permission for the legal challenge to go ahead if the Home Secretary had not agreed to withdraw the forms. The lawyers claimed the new forms meant that no apolication would be valid unless it was submitted on the correct compulsory form, and

all the documents listed on the form were provided. The forms even ask for documents which go beyond those required by the immigration rules. Those seeking leave to stay on grounds they have British ancestors have to supply original birth and marriage certificates for their parents and grandparents. even though there is no requirement that they were married. The form gives no space to explain why a partic-

Laurie Fransman, ILPA co founder, described the Home Secretary's decision as a huge climbdown: "We hope he will now abandon his flawed initiative entirely. That would

ular document is missing.

Prescott to launch Howard Tory concern at EU veto waiver

Stophen Bates in Brussels and Michael White

night warned the Cabi-net not to weaken in its beef crisis campaign of nonco-operation with the Euro-pean Union, after Malcolm Rifkind's overnight "gesture of goodwill" towards Italy.
On the third day of his charm offensive around EU capitals — partly charm and partly offensive. Labour MEPs complained — the For-

eign Secretary claimed a po-tential "turning point" in get-ting the EUs export ban on British beef lifted - an up-beat tone echoed by John Major at question time.

He did so on the basis of Italy (which hosts the EU's six-monthly summit in FlorIn return he agreed not to use Britain's veto to block an association agreement with

It was the first waiver of the veto since the non-co-opera-tion campaign began, and had been agreed in advance by key ministers — a move which both Tory loyalists and Eurosceptics said represented "out first blink" in the con-

'We can just about sell deal on Slovenia, but it's a dangerous game," said one loyal minister — while ex-Chancellor Norman Lamont warned Mr Major against defeatism. Some reports claim Lady Thatcher wants him to stop paying Britain's EU contributions — an illegal move Mr Major rejected. Yet EU foreign leaders con-

tinued to assert that the Gov-

the safety of beef. Although the European

Commission welcomed the concession on Slovenia as a first step in the right direc-tion, both President Chirac and Chancellor Kohl repeated that conditions are not right to lift the ban. Mr Chirac, who met Mr

Rifkind and Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, in Paris, reportedly told them: When in doubt, the most rigorous option should be cho sen" to restore consumer confidence. German ministers say there is no question of lifting the ban there. After the meeting and be

fore going to Madrid, Mr Rifkind claimed: "There is a growing feeling throughout Europe that we may reach an accommodation on this mat ter, which could bring an end a matter of weeks." But officials and diplomats in Brus-sels believe talk of a framework deal is optimistic, given that it took nearly three months to lift the

simpler byproducts ban. Diplomats scornfully dismiss any chance of an early deal — unless Mr Kohl is inclined to offer Mr Major a fudged form of words he can claim as a triumph.

If the ban stays, "a large black hole" will enter diplo-matic diaries as the pro-longed political holiday season starts in July. That would leave the prospect of Britain's non-co-operation policy still being in place in autumn.

Meanwhile, the European Parliament — supported by Labour MEPs and some Tories - yesterday voted heavily in favour of a motion calling on the Government to lift its non-

Snail 'safe' as Costain wins Newbury contract

HE building firm Costain was yesterday awarded the contract for the controversial Newbury bypass — and its offices were promptly blockaded by environmental protesters.

John Watts, the roads min-

ister, announced the decision in a parliamentary written answer, adding that measures would be taken to protect a rare snail that lives on part of the 8.5 mile route. The Desmoulin's Whorl snail had threatened to stop construction because English

Nature, the Government's wildlife agency, had advised that its habitat should be declared a special area for conservation.

Mr Watts said that advice would be taken on board and

a large and viable overall population of the snail would be maintained The conservation measures would include taken from the snail habitat, and the creation of a new, larger habitat.
The demonstration at the Costain offices in Maiden

head, Berkshire, involved 25 veterans of the protest earlier this year, which was Britain's largest anti-roads campaign and became a fight over civil rights as well as environmen-

tal issues For three months people living in trees on the route hindered the progress of tree

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Newbury protesters . . . some now plan to take the battle to Costain's annual meeting

plan to disrupt its annual meeting.

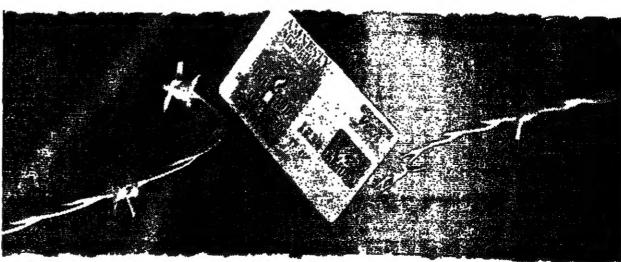
Friends of the Earth condemned the decision to award the building contract and said it was preparing a legal challenge, including an injunction to stop all work.

Charles Secrett executive director, said: "The decision to continue building this road Protesters, many still living in trees around Newbury, have vowed to harass Costain Some have been accounted building this road despite acknowledging the area's importance for wildlife is destructive and short.

shares in the company and lawful method we can to make the Government fulfil its obligations under Euro-

> The £74 million contract is seen by many as a poisoned chalice because of the bad publicity and expense caused y protesters. The chairman of Tarmac, which built the M3 Twyford Down extension. said last month that he did not want the Newbury contract without a guarantee it Would conform to higher en- be the proper, just and lawful vironmental standards.

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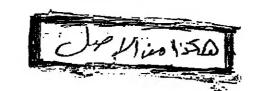
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Education Secretary plans to reform teacher training Move to link income to A levels Nurseries cash warning

Responding to criticism . . . Education Secretary Gillian Shephard PHOTOGRAPH MARTIN ARGLES

Shephard comes out fighting against whispering campaign

John Carvel Education Editor

ILLIAN Shephard pering campaign from Conservative Central Office to undermine her tenure as Education Secretary, promising a radical reform of eacher training to stamp out

liberal methods.
"In September I will bring forward the most thorough reform of teacher training... the degree of about turn that is going to be required to achieve such a change," she

Mrs Shephard's call for a "prescriptive" approach left little doubt that she is working towards the imposition of put Labour on the defensive. a national curriculum for ini. Details of the conversation

service retraining to eradicate the child-centred philosophy favoured in the 1960s.

Other measures to please yesterday fought the right include a white back against a whising comprehensive schools to act unilaterally to select enough pupils to make up a "grammar school" stream. and legislation in the autumn to toughen discipline.

Her move came after persis-

tent rumblings of cabinet disagreement over education. She said she spoke early yesterday to Brian Mawhinney, the Conservative chairman, about "curious" reports that reshuffle to bring a right-winger into the education department to stiffen her resolve and remedy failure to

tial teacher training and in | were not disclosed. Mrs She | Telegraph yesterday accusing | to-basics mathematics project phard has also been fighting a her of seeming "incapable of rearguard action to restrain the Prime Minister's eager-ness for selective education. and to limit the Deputy Prime Minister's passion for a voucher system to introduce competition between schools and colleges in 16-plus

education.
She was appointed to the job nearly two years ago to restore calm by adopting consensual policies after the ideological excesses of her predecessor, John Patten. She has had difficulty keeping pace with subsequent pres-sure from Downing Street to adopt a more aggressive ap-proach and open up clear blue water between Conservatives and Labour.

The price she is paying for

escaping the narrow vision that she honed when chair-man of the Norfolk education committee". Mr Major told last year's Tory party conference not to "mess with Gill". but now "he'd better mess with her as quickly as poss-ible", the paper said.

Her full programme of teacher training reform cannot be but in place before the election, but Mrs Shephard said the literacy and numer-acy centres which she is setting up to give remedial train-ing for teachers would begin the process of instilling class-room methods approved by the Office for Standards in Education, Ofsted.

She announced a £165,000

to all its primary schools. "It is not a return to the past... It is whole-class teaching, but done in a participative way,' she said. Lessons from the experiment would be spread

through the numeracy cen-

tres and Ofsted.
Mrs Shephard's effort to demonstrate busy radicalism came in a briefing for journal-ists arranged on Wednesday evening before the latest burst of press criticism, but possibly after she got wind of

She said her white paper later this month proposes more self-government for state schools, easier ways for schools to become more selective if their governors wish to do so, more freedom for grantgrant for Barking and Dagen- maintained schools, and furthat was demonstrated in a ham education authority in ther development of specialist leading article in the Daily east London to extend a back-schools and colleges.

Exam results plan for school funding

John Carvel and Donald MacLood

TATE secondary schools will depend for part of their income on the sixth formers, according to proposals to be published next week by Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister.

His competitiveness white to create a "fairer" contest be tween schools, sixth form colleges and further education colleges, which together

spend about £3 billion a year on post-GCSE courses for a million pupils aged 16 to 19.

The move is expected to pave the way for a Conservative manifesto pledge to provide education vouchers for this age group to create a fully competitive market in courses for A level and General National Vocational Qualifications.

Gillian Shephard, the Edu cation and Employment Sec retary, said yesterday the white paper would not men-tion vouchers, and denied reports of a rift with Mr He seltine. The document would aim "to achieve a level playsorts of educational establishments to increase young

Further educational col-leges already rely for about 10 the performance of their stu-dents. "We are concerned to that kind of discipline for the normal school sixth form," Mrs Shephard said.

from moves to create fairer | ment for Education showing competition between the sec- little difference in the cost of tors. Mrs Shephard said, how-ever, that the Government taken into account.

Schools v colleges nding per student, 1979-80 = 100

recognised the popularity of sixth forms among parents. "We don't want a reduction to parental choice, and even small sixth forms are very popular," she said. The Further Education

Funding Council says a student doing three A levels in a school costs £1,000 more than one following the same Schools get more funding courses at a further education per pupil than colleges, and might be expected to suffer a recent report for the Depart-

The drive towards sixth form vouchers by the Conservative right received a set-back when a Coopers & Ly-brand study listed a series of practical difficulties and warned they could cost £535 million to introduce.

Ruth Gee, chief executive of the Association for Colleges, this will only make things said vouchers would lead to much-needed cash being for students, it is simply spent on bureaucracy instead rightwing dogma."

of teaching.
"We are in favour of a level

tion. When Training and Enterprise Councils tried training credits, it was clear that the money got tied up in bureaucracy and the advantage to students was not

independent schools gave a cautious welcome. Vivian Anthony, secretary of the Headmasters and Headmistresses Conference, said: "We believe we educate children in our day-school sixth forms just about as cheaply as anywhere else. If a voucher scheme is introduced it might accessible to a wider range of pupils — perhaps with a top-up paid by the parents — which we would strongly support. Many schools have charitable schemes which could help with the top-up,

Bryan Davies, Labour's further education spokesman, said voucbers would spell chaos in 16-19 education "There is already a ruthlessly competitive marketplace and

The cost of up to £535 million would have to be met by playing field for funding, but cutting existing spending, to do so with vouchers would be a step in the wrong direction.

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Nursery voucher scheme cash plea

Donald MacLeod Education Correspondent

HE government's nursery voucher scheme will not provide extra pre-school places unless it injerts school places unless it injects capital to help new play-groups and nurseries get started, the chief executive of started, the chief executive of started. the Pre-School Learning Alli-ance said yesterday.

Margaret Lochrie, whose alliance represents 20,000 playgroups, said in a state-ment that the scheme has pos-itive features and the vouchers were welcomed by parents of four-year-olds and were not just a "middle class bonanza".

parents to send their children groups, and three-year-olds to reception classes early, attending them would lose to reception classes early, attending the now that the £1,100 vouchers out, she said.



Playgroups for 3-year-olds: threatened by market forces

had created a market for four But she accused schools of year-olds. This was threaten-putting unfair pressure on ing the viability of play-

Shephard, the embattled Education and Employment Secretary, who she called on to limit duntaging competition between schools, local authority nurseries and volunteer playgroups already evident in the four pilot areas — Norfolk. Kensington and Chelsea. Wandsworth and Westminster.

changing their admissions | competition which is likely to policies to take four-year-olds. flow from complete reliance The result would be more in on market mechanisms." reception classes of 30 or Abolishing vouchers would more, receiving inappropri- be a retrograde step if playate education. Parents were groups went back to having coming under pressure from little or no funding she said.

Meanwhile, at Woodside in

Parents on low incomes local primary school after 10 welcomed the vouchers because the school cause they could afford five wants to open a nursery class sessions a week instead of two | for four-year-olds.

Her statement will bring or three, an alliance survey of limited comfort to Gillian members in the pilot authorities found.

But playgroups were facing closure because schools now wanted to take their fouryear-olds but there were still areas with no pre-school provision, said Mrs Lochrie.

"We believe a fundamen-tally positive initiative is being undermined by the lack In Norfolk, 39 schools were of sufficient resources and

schools to send their children arry or lose the chance of a place.

Meanwhile, at Woodside in Norfolk, a playgroup has been told to quit its premises in the

tion. Universities are con-cerned that multinational

Birmingham is first university to charge students fees

Donald MacLeod

BIRMINGHAM University will in 1997 become the first university to charge stu-dents fees, in a move that will lead to British higher education being split into a two-tier

The university made the announcement at a meeting of the Russell group of vice-chancellors from 20 universities. Its lead is certain to be followed by other institutions concerned that government funding cuts are costing them their international competitive edge.

After repeated threats since the November Budget, the an-nouncement by Sir Michael Thompson, Birmingham's vice-chancellor, at their regular confidential meeting at the Russell Hotel in Bloomsbury, London, marked a turning point, breaching the prin-

charge new students 2700 top | Ron Dearing into higher edu- | research equipment in Britcation funding.
Yesterday the committee published evidence that four cent in poor working condiup fees from 1997. It would include this levy in its financial plans when they are submit-ted to the Higher Education Funding Council for England. out of five science and engineering departments were unable to carry out critical ex- companies are relocating

Universities are legally entitled to charge fees, although Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, has made it clear she is appropriately. opposed. The London School of Eco-

nomics, whose director John Ashworth is a longstanding advocate of fees, attempted to introduce them three years ago but academic staff voted against the move. A similar attempt by Uni-

versity College London was thrown out, but most vicechancellors now see fees as inevitable. The Committee of Vice-

Chancellors and Principals, representing 104 universities. threatened to introduce a £300 levy for new students when ciple of free higher education and throwing down a challenge to the Government.

He said Birmingham would the budget cut capital funding by 30 per cent. Mrs Shephard responded by setting up an inquiry headed by Sir



Finally, the communications director said: 'Sir, the shuttle has exploded.' After a while, President Reagan said: 'Is that the one the schoolteacher was on?'

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War crimes court urges sanctions against Serbs

Julian Borger in Sarajevo

HE Hague tribunal yesterday stepped up its campaign for the arrest of Balkan war crimes suspects when its president. Antonio Cassese. said he would call for tions against the Serbs for

failing to co-operate with the United Nations court. Mr Cassese said the call would be addressed to Carl Bildt, the international community's High Representative in charge of the civilian im-plementation of the Bosnian peace accord. It would be made at an international conference on Bosnia next Thurs-

day in Florence. In Florence, I will request that Bildt trigger sanctions against Republika Srpska," Mr Cassese said in Sarajevo.

Republika Srpska is the half of Bosnia controlled by Serb separatists. Asked if he would also call for sanctions and Montenegro) — the Bosnian Serbs' patrons — Mr Cassese replied: "Yes, proba-bly why not?"

sanctions can be reimposed within five days of Mr Bildt's commander, Admirai Leigh-

David Hearst in Moscow

RIGORY YAVLINSKY.

the young, vituperative liberal economist who

has been courted by the Krem-

lin and the Communists, yes-terday rejected any idea of a

pact with either side in an at-

Russia's only democratic al-

ternative ahead of the presi-

President Boris Yeltsin's gov-

ernment as "oligarchic, mo-

nopolistic, corrupted, crimi-

nalised and weak" but said that under no conditions

would he take part in a gov-ernment formed by the Com-munist challenger, Gennady

In two meetings with Mr Yeltsin, Mr Yavlinsky urged him to dismiss four minis-

ters, including defence minis-ter, General Pavel Grachev.

All remain in place and Mr

Yavlinsky said yesterday that

negotiations had ended.

Mr Yavlinsky predicted that one of the other leaders

Mr Yavlinsky denounced

dential election on June 16.

Goldstone attacks Nato inaction

THE failure of Nato-led sons whom they come forces to arrest individ- across in the ordinary uals indicted for war crimes could be fatal to the credibility of the United Nations tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, Justice Richard Goldstone, the chief prosecutor, warned last night, writes Richard

It was hardly surprising, he said, that not one suspected war criminal had been detained of more than 50, given the limited mandate of the I-For peace implementation force. It empowered the force "to arrest those indicted per-

to reinstate the embargo. himself on the issue yesterday, said he would reserve judgment for the Florence conference, at which the big powers and Balkan leaders will assess progress six months after the Dayton

treaty was signed. Nato officers confirmed yes-terday that more I-For troops would be deployed in Pale, the village stronghold of the Bosnian Serb leader and twice-indicted war criminal, Radovan Karadzic, as part of ton Smith, also has the power | forces around the country.

general Alexander Lebed, could well join Mr Yeltsin's

camp. This would drive the

final nail into the coffin of

any possible centrist alliance.

Mr Yavlinsky's harshest

words were reserved for the president. He characterised

Mr Yeltsin's five-year tenure of office as "the bloodiest regime since the end of the second world war". The lives

lost when tanks fired on the

Russian parliament in Octo-

ber 1993 and the 30,000 deaths in Chechenia would be fol-lowed by the death of "mil-

lions" if Mr Yeltsin continued

down the path of "senseless totalitarianism", warned Mr

Dismissing Mr Yeltsin's peace initiative in Chechenia as a Byzantine bluff, Mr Yav-linsky said the Russian presi-

dent was toying with three scenarios simultaneously: a

position; a pact with the Com-

munists; and postponement or cancellation of elections

"All three scenarios are that one of the other leaders still on the table, and they are of the so-called third force of still being worked on. I don't munists will attempt to dispolitical centrists, the retired have any doubt that the declarupt the polling, and thou-

Vitriolic Yavlinsky goes it alone

an aggressive drive by Hague Belgrade and shame the inter-national community into a course of their duties". more vigorous pursuit of Serb

"Imagine a serial rapist wanted for trial in England The main I-For troop conbeing informed that, betributors — the United States, Britain and France — have so cause he is a dangerous killer, the police will not seek him out but will wait to pursue Mr Karadzic or the Bosnian Serb military com-mander, General Ratko Miauntil they come across him . Yet that is the policy which is now in operation in respect of persons wanted by the internadic, who has also been in-dicted twice. Their view has been that such arrests would tional community for the worst crimes known to unleash a Serb backlash (possibly a guerrilla campaign) mankind," Judge Goldstone said in the annual lecture of the David Davies Memorial Institute in London. against I-For and toughen hardline Serb resistance to the reintegration of Bosnia.

Mr Bildt and the Hague tri-bunal argue that the presence in Bosnia of Mr Karadzic and Gen Mladic "pollutes" the po-litical atmosphere in the run-I-For is mandated to arrest war crimes suspects if it "comes across them". By makup to elections, through their ing such encounters more attempts to stop freedom of likely, it is hoped the deploy-ment will diminish Mr Karadmovement across ethnic boundaries, and their influence on the Serb media.

rations of Yeltsin's close advi- | sands of troops have already

sers about postponing or can-

celling the elections were

done with his agreement," Mr

He maintained that most

Russians want neither a second term of Mr Yeltsin nor

a return of the Communists,

and claimed that every vote

for him would be a vote against the "dark forces" that

both men represent.

Meanwhile, Mr Zyuganov,
who has been received well
on the final leg of a Siberian
tour, also fired up his cam-

paign rhetoric by suggesting his supporters could take to

the streets if he is prevented

from winning. "If 35 or 40 million people vote for us they may go out to the streets the next day to say: 'We have voted and demand that our

will is carried out," he said

called on supporters to flood Russia's polling stations to stop what he claimed would

be widespread attempts at fal-sification. The Kremlin has blasted back, saying the Com-munists will attempt to dis-

in Krasnovarsk

Yaylinsky said.

The planned increase of patrols in Pale and elsewhere "An increased I-For pres ence will help establish a in Serb territory looks like a greater sense of security among the people of Bosnia, and, in turn, more physical controls will make it harder for indicted war criminals to compromise. Nato will help sideline Mr Karadzic by pre venting his movement in the hope that that will reduce the freely travel throughout the political pressure for his country and disrupt the peace process," Captain Mark van Dyke, an I-For spokesman in

shetia, talks between Russia

and the Chechen rebels con-

effort to to enforce a ceasefire.

But the chief Chechen dele-

gate, Said-Khasan Abumusli-

mov, said on Wednesday that be felt an "increasing cer-

tainty" that the talks were lit-

tle more than a campaign tool for Mr Yeltsin. And the rebels' information minister. Moviadi Udugov, commented:

Either we sign an agreement

or we can say that Yeltsin's peace initiative failed."

ing has continued. Three Rus-

sian servicemen were wounded in rebel attacks

The Russian military com-

Chechens of planning attacks

in other areas of southern

Russia to disrupt the election.

If the peace talks fail, several leading Chechen field com-manders have hinted they are

Commissioner

calls for EU

The ceasefire was due to



13 die in German helicopter crash

A GERMAN military passenger who jumped on helicopter plunged to a motorway, sustaining two television camera helicopter down.

Serious injuries, as the helicopter had taken copter was about to crash, a the helicopter had taken accidents in the history of

ing thirtsen people.
Six of the passengers were young people aged between 19 and 21 who were attending a youth festival. They had won the helicopter flight in a prize draw.

defence ministry spokes man said. Police said the survivor's life was no longer in danger.

Both crew members of the Bell UH-1D helicopter, aged 36 and 38, were killed. The other passengers were

off from Dortmund's Westfalenhalle sports and exhi-bition complex. Unconfirmed radio reports said the pilot tried to land on the motorway, then aimed at a clearing in the wood before

helicopter down.

"This is one of the worst accidents in the history of the German armed forces, the defence minister, Volker Rühe, said after inspecting the crash site. He ordered an inquiry into the causes of the disaster. State

prosecutors also began in-

World news in brief

Family leaves besieged Montana ranch

Martin Walker in Washington

THE first break in the 74day siege of a Montana ranch where an anti-govern-ment group has been holed up came last night, when a fam-ily of four, including two children, gave themselves up.

Similar to the one which followed the federal assault on charges against them.

parties to increase women's representation, the prime

minister, Alain Juppe, said yesterday, Alex Duval Smith in Paris writes.

women politicians Mr Juppé said he was in favour of a law

requiring a third of candi-dates on parties' lists to be

The prime minister, who sacked eight women in his

first reshuffle last year, said the constitutional change

would be put to a referendum

if all parties agreed. If it was

rejected, he would consider reducing public funding for parties in which women were

There are 32 women at the

National Assembly - five

times fewer than in Sweden,

which tops the European

Union list of women's parlia-

mentary representation.

In response to a call from 10

the regional FBI headquar- | ters in Jordan, Montana, about the situation at the bers of the Freemen, a rightwing militia movement.

The FBI has handled the siege with kid gloves, fearing a rightwing political backlash

Juppé to boost | Burmese junta | of the domestic crisis in

Angola visit off

state visit to Luanda because

female deputies | bans meetings

THE French constitution may be modified to compel parties to increase

Waco, Texas in 1993. It began tightening the pressure at the ranch's electricity and sealing it off from the media.

The Freemen claim to b

political opponents of the federal government. They have issued their own credit notes and bonds, provoking fraud

Marcolino Moco, writes David Beresford in Johannesburg. New Arafat baby

Angola prompted by the dis-missal of the prime minister,

leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, prohibiting weekend meet-ings outside her house that have become a railying point The Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, and his wife Soha are expecting another baby, friends said yester-

Opposition sources said 144 of the 262 people rounded up by the junta to try to prevent Scharping injured The parliamentary chairman of Germany's opposition Social Democrats, Rudolf pro-democracy congress had been freed. — AP. Scharping, was yesterday in intensive care with concus-EU-Slovenia pact

Slovenia's acting foreign minsion and head wounds after a ister. Zoran Thaier, yesterday welcomed the European Union's decision to sign an bicycle accident. — AP. Zambia criticised

association agreement with Britain is reviewing its Ljubljana next week — the first exception to Britain's current policy of non-coopera-£20 million aid programme to Zambia to show its concern at "undemocratic trends" there, tion with the EU. — Reuter. the overseas development minister, Lynda Chalker, said. She expressed concern about a constitutional amend-South Africa's President Nelson Mandela yesterday indefi-nitely postponed next week's ment banning former Presi-dent Kenneth Kaunda from

contesting elections. — AP. Abiola reward

The Nigerian military gov-ernment offered a £30,000 reward yesterday for information leading to the arrest of the killers of the wife of the imprisoned opposition leader, Moshood Abiola. — AP.

Chernobyl threat Ukraine may reconsider its pledge to close the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, after

crackdown on the Branch Davidian cult in trade in women AP in Brussels

THE European Union's top justice official urged EU countries yesterday to crack down on international trafficking of women forced into prostitution.

The EU Justice Commis-sioner, Anita Gradin, said governments could track down smugglers more aggressively. enforce stricter punishments and fight pov-erty that often lead women into prostitution.
"The European Union

must put this issue on its agenda." she said. Officials estimate that 500,000 prostitutes may be living illegally in the EU after being smuggled by international traders and organised crime syndicates. Ms Gradin said the

women came mainly from Asia, Africa and Latin America but increasingly from eastern Europe. Criminal groups, already steeped in drugs and weapons traf-ficking, were taking advantage of an abundant supply of east European women, dreaming of a richer life in

When they arrived, their passports were often taken away and they were forced into prostitution to pay off inflated debts for food, accommodation and travel. The gangsters knew that

cases were often hard to prove and convictions carried light sentences. Ms Gradin said that in her native Sweden, traffickers of human beings were often jailed for one to two years and drug traders for up to

Ms Gradin also called for tougher witness-protection programmes that would enagainst traffickers. The talks with Western countries European Commission made little progress on financing the shutdown, the tion on the matter after a country's top negotiator said meeting of experts next yesterday. — Reuter.



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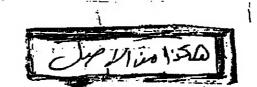
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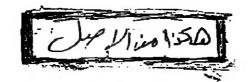
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Arab leaders put faith in summitry

Solidarity, if they can achieve it, would show they have something to offer in the Netanyabu are taken as a second to loudly what they know their people think. have the means or will, even have the means or will, even thus and Mr Arafat even only way they can think of is they do not they know their people think. Solidarity let alone individ.

Monday the Egyptian president.
Hosni Mubarak. met Syria's Hafez al-Assad. met Syria's Hafez al-Assad, last great opponent of a peace treaty with Israei. On Wednesday, he met King Hussein and the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman, Yassar Arafat, recent recruits to the peace camp. Today he confers in Damascus with Mr Assad and Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia. ullah of Saudi Arabia.

His Damascus appointment is the most important because in an apparent change of the planned Jeddah venue, Saudi Arabia, a key United States ally, is going out of its way to But the right's latest victory show solidarity with Syria; is at least as great a shock.

RAB summitry is because Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Syria can do more to shape the Arab condition than any other combination of Arab states; and because they hope to make their meeting the gateway for a much broader Arab summit, even a plenary one of the kind not held since Baghdad, 1990.

Netanyahu in Israel's general election has provoked the inter-Arab consultation. His inter-Arab consultation. His triumph was not as great a surprise to the Arabs as the Israeli elections of May 1977, when, with Menachem Begin at the helm, the Israeli right took power for the first time since Israel came into being. But the sight's latest victory

Sharq al-Awsat summed up the dominant Arab reaction: "With these elections, the Israelis have said 'no' to peace even to a peace lop-sided in their favour." For Arabs almost every-

where, the resurgence of the Israeli right makes a mockery of the philosophy which, at US urging, has underlain the Arab approach to the peace process: offer concessions to the Israelis in the hope of securing them in return. The reward of Arab moderation, or submissiveness as Hamas, Hizbollah — and many others - see it, turns out to be greater Israeli extremism. Though their tone is glum. one's adversary does not want Arab governments are careful peace is to invoke a military

going in a positive direction". Mr Mubarak that they "do not inspire confidence". Only King Hussein manages opti-

mism: everything, he says, is still on course for a "comprehensive peace". In reality, only Mr Assad has the right to a grim satisfaction; he always said that for each Arab country to go its own way would ultimately be the undoing of them all, that, however selfishly one might profit from the peace process at an other's expense, they would pay for its eventual collapse. It would be very embarrass-ing for Arab governments, even for Mr Assad, to pro-nounce the peace process dead or even dying, because

the logic of concluding that

ually, to make or threaten war, or even to suggest that it is time to start preparing for

Yet they know that they cannot go on making conces-

The trouble is the convening of such a summit would be a miracle in itself

sions either, just to keep the peace process alive. That is what the resurgent right requires of them, what Mr Netanyahu spelled out in his electoral programme. After Begin, they did have conces-

their regimes — all survived. It would be unwise to say that they have given their all; Mr Arafat, for one, always

finds something extra. But he is being called upon to engage in "final-status" negotiations with a "parmer" who says he won't even shake hands with him, and to negotiate issues, such as Jerusalem, which the "partner" says are non-nego-tiable. Mr Assad is expected to re-engage in peace talks with an adversary who says he will never give up the only thing Mr Assad wants: the

Somehow, therefore, the stand that it is not enough to say he wants peace. He must also prove it by going back on

that old, intuitive stand-by -Arab summitry. Mr Assad is the most fervent advocate of a pan-Arab strategy; Arab "self-reliance" was always a cardinal tenet of his. His newspapers warn that continued Arab disarray will lead to "a real catastrophe for the whole

The most that any Arab summit could do, in present circumstances, is to send a message to the US. Its essence would be that the peace process is in dire peril and the consequences of its collapse would be as disastrous for the US as for themselves. They US as for themselves. They would send this message in Arabs have to draw a line, to the conviction that they now get Mr Netanyahu to under- occupy the moral high occupy the moral high ground that it should be plain to all — even to the US

- that Israel, not they, is the

Arab nation".

The trouble is that the mere convening of such a confer ence would be a miracle. Since the Gulf war, and the ostracism of Iraq, the Arabs have fallen into such disarray that even paltry displays of solidarity are beyond them.

Mr Assad says that, in the absence of a full summit, he would go for one of "front-line" Arab states. And yet according to the londoning to cording to the Jordanians, he would attend that only if King Hussein and Mr Arafat first admitted the error of their

ways. The danger of calling for Arab summits which cannot be held is that this sends the opposite message from that which is intended. It increases, not reduces, Arab disarray. That is why, even as he works for a summit, Mr Mubarak has been so cautious about his chances of ac-

Cry for help by Iranian thinker



Other worlds

S THE gulf widens in Iran between hardline clergy and re-formist thinkers both in and outside the clerical establishment, a professor at Tehran University has become the focus of conflict. Lectures by Abdolkarim

Sorush have been repeatedly stopped or disrupted by militants, apparently with the tacit support of Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

They accuse the Scorneh

whose reputation as a thinker and voice of modernism is growing in the Shi'ite world, of attacking religious sovereignty under the guise of scientific

With the hardliners whipping up sentiment against him, Dr Sorush has written an open letter to President Hashemi Rafsanjani seeking protection. The following are extracts from his appeal.

TO the bonourable president of the Islamic Republic of

No doubt you are aware that for nearly a year now I have been the target of sensa-tion, violence and destructive intimidation by certain pres-sure groups and their affiliated press. In addition, the information ministry, by resorting to threats, by setting limits and by serving repeated summonses, pushed me into a corner, violated my rights as a human being, and gave a free hand to my

The threats of violence against me have intensified to such a degree that I am no longer invited to give lec-tures. All doors are closing in

At the start of the current academic year, I was given only one subject to teach in Tehran University, which I have had to abandon on several occasions. I am supposed to teach philosophy and social science to the postgraduates in this university ... How-ever, every time I set off for the Faculty of Social Science, I have to face serious threats to pass through a picket line, comprising motorcyclists and pedestrians, who block my entry to the university by shouting obscenities. They seem very determined to ini-tiate violence.

I have had to arrive at the university much earlier than the time of my scheduled lecture and often in secret. On a number of occasions I have had to abandon a lecture and leave my terrified students in the middle of the classroom. Sometimes, the lecture is cancelled as I am unable to enter

University officials have tried hard to resolve the problem but they have failed because the assailants enjoy the overt and covert support of various authorities, including the office of the vall-ye faqih [Ayatollah Khamenei] Mr President My question,

which is in no way aimed at breaking the law or making trouble or creating mischief, cal behaviour and law-breaking of irresponsible groups and remain silent; sit in a corner and listen to abuse and insults; have their own and their families' safety and se-curity taken away; and see that those who undermine se-curity are free, and those who deserve security are deprived

Mr President: How can I tell my students that there is hope for the future? How can I lecture them on the importance of free research, on being courageous in their thinking and on the existence of an open social climate for the growth of talents when I see that even talking about any of these subjects is now a deadly sin, for which I am being punished by the pressure groups and the philistine

Above all, how can we bear witness to the fact that all these acts of bigotry, treachery, inquisition and imposition of ideas are carried out in the name of the most beloved religion . . . ?

I have now come to you to seek justice, not only for myself but also because of the injustices against the reputa-tion and excellence of this powerful culture and the betrayal of people's cultural awareness; [and] because of the crooked foundation on which scientific-human rela-

tions are being built. Mr President: I am now mourning a university in which a group is celebrating the death of science and the birth of barbarism . . .

This is not only my tale, this is the tale of the country's culture and hope.



Pigeon post . . . A woman sells birdseed in Eminonu Square in Istanbul, where 1,000 people rallied, against the backdrop of the UN conference on human settlements under way in the city, for more justice in housing PHOTOGRAPH ENRIC MARTI

Turkish government collapses

Chris Nuttall in Ankara

URKEY'S coalition government broke up yes-terday after only three months in office, raising the possibility of an administra-tion led, for the first time, by a radical Islamist.

Necmettin Erbakan, head of the Walfare Party, is to meet the president this morning to discuss the chances of form-ing a new coalition. His pro-Islamic party is the largest group in parliament, having narrowly won the election in

It was excluded from power by a minority coalition of the two centre-right parties, Moth-erland and True Path, forced together by a secular estab-lishment fearful that Islamic policies would shake the fourdetions of the republic.

But a personal vendetta between the prime minister, Mesut Yilmaz of Motherland. and the True Path leader, Tansu Ciller, has sunk the government Mrs Ciller withdrew her party from the coalition two weeks ago and the Demirel said the Turkish prime minister resigned yes-terday to pre-empt certain defeat in a censure motion put forward by Welfare. The coalition fell apart over

corruption inquiries insti-gated by Welfare against Mrs Ciller. Mr Yilmaz's MPs backed Welfare on the issue. Mrs Ciller accused Mr Yilmaz of betrayal and called him a "sleazeball". But her abandonment of the coalition was seen as a possible move to strike an alliance with Welfare and then a deal for it to

drop the investigations. That option faded on Wednesday when Welfare won a vote for a third inquiry, into how Mrs Ciller amassed a multi-million pound fortune True Path meanwhile failed in a vote for an inquiry into Mr Erbakan's considerable assets. Mrs Ciller will be the

people should not worry: Mr Yilmaz would preside over a caretaker administration and it should be possible to form

modern Turkey's 54th govern-ment out of the present par-liament in the next 45 days. That would mean a govern-ment of national consensus involving all the parties, or Welfare with one of the cen-tre-right parties. Otherwise, Mr Yilmaz said, "an early election is an option".

Welfare would benefit most from new polls. In local elec-tions last Sunday, it polled more votes than the two centre-right parties combined. They have lost support since December because of the cor-ruption allegations and their infighting, which paralysed

Mr Erbakan has said Welfare is only days from power. He told a raily last week he would let civil servants attend Friday prayers and lift the ban on Muslim headscarves in educational institutions.

He has worried Western governments with his stri-dent Islamism. He vehemently opposes Turkey's recent military co-operation accord with Israel, wants to renegotiate a customs union with the European Union and with the suropean Union and has vowed to eject American, British and French air crews operating an air umbrells from southern Turkey to protect the Kurds of northern Iraq.

Gazans have faith in Bibi's real face

Many Palestinians believe Israel's

PM-elect will soften his tough rhetoric. Jessica Berry

in Gaza reports

ASSAN ASFOUR, the chief Palestinian peace negotiator, was earnestly discussing a possible change in tack after Is-rael's change of leadership when there was a buzz at the door. In came a junior official carrying a black plastic box from which he drew a gleaming automatic. "This", cried a delighted Mr Asfour, brandishing the hu's exces

weapon, "will be our new strategy!" Aside from such black humour, Gazan Palestin- tinian trait — but it flies in ians have reacted to the prime minister-elect, Bin-yamin "Bibi" Netanyahu. (£2 billion) a year. But Sheikh Wajih's widespread. sudden rise to power of the

and tough, they say — a point reinforced on wednesday when the Palestinian president, Yasser Arafat, talked of a free Palestinian state with its capital in east Jerusalem, and Israel's new leader responded: "Never."

But many Gazan Palestinians seem to think that dealing with someone this less confusing than dealings with the outgoing prime minister, Shimon

Seated at his large desk in Gaza, the justice minister, Freih Abu Medein, delivered the briefest of valedictories to Mr Peres: "That chicken man", he

aughed. Things could not get much worse for Gazans. Unemployment is high and living conditions are basic. For three years, the Israeli government has prevented tens of thousands of Gazans from getting to their work

in Israel.
Youths have little to do in what they call their "big prison" but stroll along the pavements or fly kites. One shop owner. Mahmoud. complained that he used to make about £1,000 a day. Now he makes £10, and has a family of 10 to feed.

whether — he will continue the peace process. But at the same coin."

least he is different — frank. Mr Abu Medein welcomed his election. "The new government is easy. It

is black and white, not rainbow colour," he said. Mr Peres offered only "words, words, words", Salah Tamarie, a council member, added.
One Islamic member of

the Palestinian self-rule council, Sheikh Wajih, said Mr Netanyahu — unlike his predecessor - "will be tough at first, just to satisfy his own voters, but he won't show his real face". The real face, he said, is more moderate: bit by bit. he will weaken. Pressure from the United States, Europe, and a strong Is-raeli opposition will, he believes, prevent Mr Netanya-

A belief that the West will always help out in times of trouble is a Palesthe face of a reality in which the US gives Israel more than \$3 billion

with curious equanimity.

Mr Netanyahu is blunt tude is widespread. Ziad peace talks, was typically upbeat. Palestinians have no reason to fear, he said, because Mr Netanyahu was too ambitious to risk fall-ing out of favour with the West too early.

"Netanyahu is brilliant and pragmatic. If he wants and pragmatic. If he wants to continue in his position he will have to change . . . He will not want to be held responsible for a deteriorating Middle East." Mr Abu Aur said.

The Islamist group Hamas, however, normed

Hamas, however, poured scorn on his reasoning. Scorn on his reasoning.

Mahmoud Zahar, spokesman for the political wing of the group, which was responsible for the recent wave of suicide bombings. warned of a renewed armed struggle. After the last sui-cide attack in March out-side a Tel Aviv shopping mall. Western leaders rushed to Mr Peres's aid, he

They convened a peace summit to combat terrorism in Sharm el-Sheikh. Where was that summit, he asked, when the Israeli air force massacred some 100 Lebanese civilians in a United Nations refugee

Enter Bibi. It is still not known how — indeed whether — he will continue the peace process. The still not between Peres and Netanyanu," Dr Zahar said. "They are two peles is a still not between Peres and Netanyanu," Dr Zahar said.

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33 Wiltshire Gardens.

T WOULD do well for these poor traumatised policeman (£1.2m for Hillsborough police ing. If, as seems likely, be

provokes anger, June 4) to study recent history; they would realise what hopeless shadows they are of their forebears. From 1940 onwards

policemen, firemen, ARP workers and medical staff

dealt daily, men and women, with incidents far worse than

Hillsborough. Not once, but

month. I remember when

over 400 people, mainly child-ren, were killed by one bomb. The bodies had to be pulled out of the wreckage, cleaned up, laid out for identification and finally buried. And these

and finally buried. And these

devoted people also faced the real prospect of getting killed

After the war they returned

to their normal lives. But, of

course, many modern medical symptoms hadn't been in-vented in those days.

Mountain Farm, Hamstreet,

Hillsborough police officers showed considerable courage in that awful disaster. But

£80,000 each for traumatic

may mean? Were we made of

sterner stuff in those 1939-45

years? I suffered nightmares for

years after that war and very occasionally still do. But I

still managed to carry on with

a career and look after my

family. I am glad to say that I have conquered the urge to dive for cover when RAF jets

fly low over my house. There

are millions who suffered far

worse than I without one

penny compensation for their inconvenience. A close friend,

for nearly four years a Japa-

nese PoW, is a wreck who still

cringes at the sound of a loud voice. He does get a war pen-

cause of so many of the prob-lems the Labour Party shies

away from tackling (Lib Dems to target the super-rich. June 5). The widening social

divisions caused by the rich minority getting ever richer while the poor lose all kinds of security need to be tackled as a priority. The Liberal

Democrats' proposals to free low earners from the tax bur-

e a welcome start

Douglas Mourton.

Near Ashford.

Kent TN26 2JD.

veek after week, month after

goes into residential care, the

local authority will prohably take his house to cover the

T IS interesting that the so-licitors representing the police authority have been in-

structed to settle with the offi-

cers concerned, but the fam-ilies of those who died are

still having to fight for a

settlement commensurate with their loss. Would this

have anything to do with the fear that, had the police offi-cers gone to court to fight for

compensation, evidence so far

unheard may be produced

which would give greater cre-dence to the claims of the

As has so often been stated, the police chose to be police, the dead did not choose to die.

THE award of compensation

to police officers trauma-

saster is an absolute disgrace.

Police officers are paid to deal

emergencies; it is an integral

PC David Frost's account

(June 4) was harrowing and

moving. Clearly police offi-cers can be severely affected

by their experiences. How-

ever. this shouldn't detract from the fact that they are ex-

pected to deal with all aspects

of human life and suffering. Police officers know this

friends, will attack the pro-posal for a higher rate on

high earners. But France and

Germany seem to manage, and even Japan taxes in-

comes of over £102,000 at 50

per cent. Does Labour have a

when they take on the job.

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families?

John McCarthy.

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part of their job.

Ian Cook.

Price of no incomes policy

AT LAST a political party with their New Labour his ready to tackle the friends, will attack the pro-

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A Country Diary

ROSELAND. CORNWALL: through the infinite grada-The wooded valley landward tions of brick red to terra-The wooded valley landward of Pendower Beach is in the ownership of the National Trust as are the cliff stretches on both sides of the strand. The walk down the valley on a morning in late May was a Natural Law Party withdrew delight and served to remind us of what we value the Forum elections. Had it been National Trust for — not the preservation of prestige prop-erty which may be visited for a gawp, but for the conserva-tion of threatened natural enownership of cliff lengths in Cornwall has been particu-larly valuable, given the ever present threat of yet another caravan park. Across the valley, on the eastern side. against a background of con-tinual birdsong, a wood-pecker sounded intermit-tently. The bluebell carpet gave enough scent in the air to be noticeable to even a long- term pipe-smoker, but the blue was complemented by the red of ragged robin, the white of stitchwort and the yellow of buttercup, Else-

cotta. We turned west on the coastal path to return to Portscatho, in rapid succession we saw a family of cormorants with this year's chick, a heron in the rock pools, stonechats atop the gorse bushes, and a kestrel quartering the cliffs for a late breakfast. The previous day we had walked the stretch around Zone Point and St Anthony's Head to Place, because from here seals are often visible offshore. A northerly airstream was riffling the surface of the water at the entrance to Carrick Roads and no seals appeared. Later in the day, however, a head bobbed up in the harbour at Portscatho with a friend further offshore. The seals gave their usual impression of being as interested in the activities of the human bipeds ashore as we were in them. Although not as warm as it often is by this stage of the year a swim proved poss-ible as the high tide lapped on Porthcurnick Beach.
COLIN LUCKHURST where, valerian was at its finest, varying in colour

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A cut for self-interest

Clarke doesn't want Blair to get his boom

Clarke's surprise 0.25 per cent cut in interest rates was politically motivated. Of course it was. The Government is suddenly worried that its carefully planned pre-electoral boom will turn into a post-electoral one with Labour taking the pickings. Among all the things Mr Clarke would like himself to be remembered for in the history books, you can be sure that laying down the economic foundations for a Labour government is the very last. But the fact that the move was politically motivated doesn't mean it isn't economically justified. The economy is growing at under 2 per cent a year which is well below its short-term potential (almost 3 per cent a year according to yesterday's report by the Chancellor's panel of indepen-dent forecasters). Consumer spending is expanding at 2.5 per cent but the other two legs of recovery — exports and investment — are still very sick. In these circumstances a cut in interest rates of more than 0.25 per cent would be justified to make credit cheaper for manufacturers - not to mention mortgages for voters — and to stem the recent rise in sterling (now 13 per cent below the level before Black Wednesday in 1992 compared with 16.4 per cent at the start of the year). This is threatening to make exports less competitive in a static world market.

Whether an even sharper fall in interest rates would persuade companies to invest is a moot point. They seem to be on an investment strike. Despite having the best inflation environment that most businessmen can remember, companies refuse to lay down more capacity. During the two most recent quarters manufacturing investment has fallen despite steady, if unspectacu-lar growth. No wonder Michael Heseltine is having such trouble persuading businessmen to cough up for the Mil-

in the Northern Ireland saga. They will

say that yesterday's procedural an-

nouncement, and the stretching hours

that went into the preparation of it,

show how seriously both the British

and Irish governments take their res-

ponsibilities in the peace process. They

will point to some genuinely unusual events this week; indeed, for the Irish

prime minister to fly to London for the

sole purpose to talking to the leader of

the Ulster Unionists (which happened

on Wednesday) is a remarkable first.

There is no doubt that the two teams of

ministers and civil servants have la-

boured mightily. There is no doubt

either, that they are determined to

prove that the show will go on, even

The rest of us, though, will be less

excited by yesterday's batch of plans for

Monday's talks. Not because the struc-

ture, personnel or timings which

finally emerged late yesterday after-

noon are inappropriate. Not because

the overall architecture is balanced in

favour of one side or another. Neither

of those accusations is true, and the

Conservative MP Terry Dicks only

makes himself ridiculous by claiming

that George Mitchell, who played such

a constructive role earlier in the story,

should not play a key role now. The real

problem is elsewhere, in the recogni-

tion that it should have taken so long.

without Sinn Fein.

In the shadow of the IRA's guns

PROFESSIONAL optimists will, as package. Everything that has happened

usual, take comfort from the latest twist | over the past few days smacks of pos-

Nothing in the lead-up to the talks offers hope of a solution

THE CITY was absolutely right yester- lennium project at Greenwich when day in deducing that Chancellor they are so reluctant to invest in the they are so reluctant to invest in the future of their own companies. There is plenty of money in corporate coffers but it is being spent on take-over bids, on higher dividends for sharebolders or on buying back the companies' own shares. Anything but laying the foundations for a prosperous future. From the point of view of an individual company this myopia can be justified in that most of them have been hit by sluggish world markets particularly in Europe and can meet immediate demand from their high levels of stocks. But in the long-term it is collective corporate madness because without investment the economy will not move into higher gear

without stoking up inflation.
The long term is the last thing the Government is worrying about at the moment. It desperately needs to get reelected within a year. Consumers are being bombarded with measures de-signed to improve the feelgood factor including April's £4 billion tax cuts. electricity and gas rebates, maturing Tessa savings accounts, building society bonanza pay-outs, lottery projects and so on. But none of this has - yet done anything to improve the Conservatives' standing at the polls. The odds are that this imbalanced recovery will gather speed as the election approaches and the economy may even be expanding at an annual rate of 3 to 4 per cent by next Spring. Yesterday's frosty reaction by the City suggests that Mr Clarke won't easily be allowed to get away with further reductions in interest rates. Decades ago the City might have welcomed a cut in interest rates if it helped the Conservatives to be returned to office. Now the City suits seem totally unfazed by the prospect of a Labour government. They are much more interested in monetary orthodoxy than political correctness. Maybe that's the real story about yesterday's events.

turing - by the governments, the polit-

ical parties, and the non-playing partic-

ipants alike. Nothing speaks of that "will to compromise" of which we

otherwise hear so much. There is a

dispiriting feeling that the amount of

talking and paper produced by the pro-

cess are becoming inversely propor-

tional to the progress actually made. If

it takes this long to choose a chairman.

what hope is there that they will be able

to reach an agreement on something

really sensitive - like Northern Ire-

for agreement is undoubtedly stronger.

pants have changed in important ways.

our enthusiasm.



Letters to the Editor

The disciplinary tribunal Atime of our lives when Hillsborough was a daily event

regretted smacking his children and acknowledged this was the wrong way to dis-cipline them (The smack of firm government, June 6). He should pass the message on to his office aide who tried to justify the practice by claiming there were very few parents who never smacked their children, and that there was a "huge difference" be-tween smacking and violence.

The aide is wrong on both points. As a parent I have never come close to smacking my children, and I think most of my friends would be able to make the same claim. The reason is that there can never be a good or sufficient reason to hit a child - and certainly not when the child is doing not when the child is doing something dangerous (the old finger-in-the-plug excuse). The effect of this is simply to teach the child that if she puts her fingers in the plug when daddy is watching, she'll get whacked.

I also fail to see the distinc-tion between a parental "smack" and violence. A smack, hiding clip around the ear, or whatever the euphemism, is either an inappropriate outlet for paa sanction involving pain, fear or shock. Either way it is violent, and were it not administered by a parent could lead to an assault conviction. Blair should consider following the example of Sweden, which outlawed smacking in the home in 1979 (subsequently followed by five

Gavin Evans. 117a Mount View Road,

HY should Tony Blair be condemned by the NSPCC for admitting that he has occasionally smacked his young children? I have no brief to defend Mr Blair, but I do wish that bodies like the NSPCC wouldn't over-react.

Perhaps I missed the bit where Mr Blair urged the UK's parents to beat their children on the slightest pretext? Perhaps I missed the bit where he said how much pleasure the smacks gave him? I have no wish to defend the physical abuse of children physical abuse of children but I have never understood why psychological punish-ment should be preferable. Why is at always had to smack and yet OK to deprive children of love and affection? Seems odd to me. Michael Pidd. 4 Prospect Drive, Lancaster LA2 6HX

OW reassuring to learn that the refreshingly hon-est Mr Blair smarked his children when they were small. But what a pity he is guilt. He might absolve his reluctant guilt should he care to read a review I have of the latest research. It concludes: "Prudent use of physical punishment in a family setting is no more a generative course of offensive aggression in parents or children than get-ting out of bed in the morning is a generative cause of get-

T WAS with some relief | in a statistically significant | ting hit by a drunk driver. that I read that Tony Blair | reduction in child battering. | The key to preventing societal in parental use of ordinary, mild spanking to control chil-dren's behaviour... The gen-erative causes of social vio-lence are the hopelessness resulting from social neglect of family problems associated with persistent poverty, and societal failure to deter and pumish expressions of destructive aggression." Anne Davis. Co-founder.

Families For Discipline. 173 Frinton Road, Frinton-on-Sea, Resex. ON Snow (True scandal of the child abusers, June 6) need look no further than your own leader on smacking to discover why society does not adequately protect children. As long as assaulting children is seen as something good or natural, children will

grow up to believe that vio-lence can be justified. Your comment that "in a perfect world full of perfect children smacking would be a perver-sity" is probably the most dis-metring part implying it is turbing part, implying it is the fault of imperfect children, not imperfect adults. Paedophiles and rapists have used the excuse that they were provoked or seduced by their victims. Shouldn't parents take responsibility for their own violence rather than project it on those for whom they have a duty to care?

Roy Grimwood. 93 Cheshire Street, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 1AE.

Last orders

other EC countries), resulting

land's relationship with the Republic of THE announcement by the Government that it is hoping further to reduce the li-Ireland? Excuse us while we restrain The deeper anxiety is not about the censing hours of pubs will have sent a shudder through detail of the agreement announced last night. It is quite simply that this is tens of thousands of homes. This piece of "deregulation" insultingly portrayed as a joypotentially a phoney exercise. Sinn Fein's absence from next week's talks ous concession to people's "modern leisure lifestyle" is seems inevitable now. But without them these talks risk only being anso obviously a payoff to the brewing industry for its loyal other version of the "Brooke/Mayhew" support, and a recognition of its power in the lobbles. talks which began in 1991 (also, Mr

Dicks might note, under an international chairman, Sir Ninian Stephen) For the thousands of people who live near a pub or on a and collapsed a year later. True, the agenda next week is more extensive road to or from a pub this news is misery. We are the ones who will be subsidising than the agenda then. The momentum this payoff. We already know all too well how little sleep we The positions of some of the particican expect at the weekend as we wait until well after mid-In the end, though, it was impossible to night for the majority of carachieve a compromise agreement under racing maniacs and yobbish louts to disperse; now we will have to wait until well past

one in the morning.

It was interesting to note that the police were not raising any objections to the scheme. In country areas

ence at night, and where holidaymakers happily remark to each other that they can drink as much as they like and drive "with no problems", they are not there to deal with the problems. C Yardley. Thorpe Cloud, Creake Road,

Burnham Thorpe, Kings Lynn, Norfolk PE31 8HW.

PRESUME Danny Frederick have to wait until well past one in the morning.

It was interesting to note that the police were not raising any objections to the scheme. In country areas where there is no police presume to ficensing bours. This is far

from the truth. The propose changes are driven by com-mercial pressures to sell more alcohol.

Licensing hours have already been extensively lengthened: surely thought must be given to whether there is not now too much encouragement for drinking in the UK. Apart from the obvious relationship between drinking and anti-social behaviour, one also ought to consider the noise and disturbance to local residents; do they want to be kept awake until late at night?

Denys H Goose. 3 St Chads Terrace, Shrewsbury SY1 LJL

Taking flight

Horrors of the EU war zone

ON TUESDAY evening, on a brief private visit to Belgium, I visited the Commonwealth War Memorial at Menin Gate in Ypres. At sunset, in the presence of visitors after also being noisily and observed to the commonwealth war memorial at Menin Gate in Ypres. At sunset, in the presence of visitors after also being noisily and observed to the commonwealth of the place with respect, only to be told to "T** off" and to be serenaded with pseudo-football chanting of "Eng-land". I intervened and, after also being noisily and observed to the commonwealth was a series of the place with respect, only to be told to "T** off" and to be serenaded with pseudo-football chanting of "Eng-land". from around the world, old soldiers and local people, two young Belgian buglers played The Last Post as a tribute to the countless thousands who gave their lives at Ypres in the Great War — a profoundly moving ceremony that has taken place every day since November 1928.

Profoundly moving to those present, but not apparently to the dozen or so young Londoners from the East End, aged no more than 15, who had decided that the immaculately they were shock troops in our massed ambankment of the grassed embankment of the memorial was the ideal place EU, but the impression they on which to fight with each other and from which to shout obscenities. A Belgian woman, near to tears, called up to the | 3 The Mall, group and asked them to treat | Kenton, Harrow HA3 9TF.

scenely abused, eventually This sample of the flower of British youth then moved off into the town continuing to chant "Eng-land" and making it abundantly clear that they had no respect either for their hosts or for the location.

I can only assume that they have been schooled in their left was profound. (Cmdr) David Gilbertson. Metropolitan Police,

WAS surprised and somewhat disappointed that the Natural Law Party withdrew from the Northern Ireland elected it might have had a salutary effect upon the vari-ous political parties and factions. Concentrating the mind upon meditation and yogic vironments. The trust's flying might have softened even the most intransigent. Yet when faced with a real opportunity of influencing events, it withdrew. Can we ever again take the party seriously? Robert Cooke.

Two Oaks, Sevenoaks, Kent.

ON A charter flight for bondage fetishists, would miscreants have their handcuffs removed? William Barrett. London NW10 4DY

Epitaph for a mass murderer But why was Pol Pot allowed to get away with it for so long? THE REAL QUESTION about Pol Pot is | out sabotage from its sanctuaries in not whether his death is confirmed but | Thailand. History was rewritten: the

at this stage of the process, to produce the shadow of the gun. That, once more, such an essentially logical and practical is the great fear this time too.

why he has lived at liberty for so long. Thousands of Cambodians have been killed by Khmer Rouge guns and mines since Vietnam ousted his regime and the recovery of the whole country has been wrecked. How on earth was he

allowed to survive? The unhappy answer is that Cambodia was liberated by the wrong people in January 1979. A perverse alliance of. the US and China, with Britain and others tagging along, pursued a vendetta against Vietnam because it had dared to win a previous war. The Khmer Rouge was allowed to retain its seat at the UN. Pol Pot himself oblig-ingly "stepped down". In 1982 a bogus coalition of "resistance forces", dominated by the Khmer Rouge, took over the UN seat with Western diplomatic support. It was armed and trained (by the SAS among others) to kill and carry

new government backed by Vietnam in Phnom Penh was said to be "exploiting" the evidence of Pol Pot's atrocities. Some of the Khmer Rouge, Margaret Thatcher argued, were now believed to be quite "reasonable".

None of Thailand's powerful Western friends ever asked it to intern the Khmer Rouge, cut off supplies to their bases across the border, or deliver Pol Pot to be tried in Phnom Penh for his crimes. He visited China for medical treatment and vacationed in a Thai seaside villa. When the West finally relented, allowing the UN to broker a Cambodian peace settlement in 1991, they insisted that the Khmer Rouge should be in on the deal.

Pol Pot's epitaph is easily written: he was a mass murderer of his own people. History still has to pass verdict on those who shamefully abetted his survival.

EANWHILE, another planning per-mission controversy pokes its tongue at party boy Polly Portilio. His constituency association in Enfield Southgate is selling its HQ, a large Edwardian house, to McDonald's something that offends those members who suffer what is known in the burger world as a "Hampstead syndrome". The novel result is that one lot of Enfield Tories are begging the Labour council to block the decision taken by another lot of Enfield Tories. "Polly would love to get involved. says someone pretending to be sources close to the Defence Secretary, "but he's not allowed out until he's night's vomit stains out of the carpet".

which values respect for the

dead — how he sanctioned such a thing is a third mys-

tery. Yet another of those

colds, perhaps? Many more,

and Norris McWhirter will start to take an interest.

BLOW to Mr Tony Blair, the Captain Von Trapp of British paternity, comes in this week's Spectator. Describ-ing his night-time activi-Johnson — Mr Blair's leading grouple — writes: "On Sunday night, I dreamed the general election returned a Labour majority of 212." What the point to this recollection was, I cannot say (as Matthew Parris brilliantly observed, Paul's allure is such that one seldom fails to begin an article), but the form book suggests it is a boost for John Major. Paul's career as a soothsayer includes the 1963 prediction that Britain would avoid a sexual revolution; the 1968 guar-antee that the Paris student uprising would radically alter western society; and the prophecy that Colin Powell would win the pres dency, made on the very day the General retired from the contest.

Y a nice piece of symmetry, we take our leave of Major. Major today at the exact point that the Diary first met Terry Major-Ball a year ago: he has been mysteriously fol-lowed bome from the New Zealand gnome conference by a gnome with a hedgehog suggestively attached to its groin (or "the rude hedge-hog gnome", as Terry styles it). "Shirley has taken to him quite well, considering his strange posture and his relationship with the hedgehog," he writes. "It is nice, all these years after the sallense of Major's Garthe collapse of Major's Gar-den Ornaments, to have a gnome at home again." And upon that upbeat note, the book concludes and we say our farewells.

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BURGLARY trial in Fayetteville, north Carolina, collapsed this week when juror Mellen Benedict told the court that it was quite unnecessary from him to hear so much as a single word of evidence. "In my professional opinion, the two defendants are guilty," said Mr Benedict, and on learning that he is a professional psychic, the judge de-clared a mistrial.



Who would a quota hopper be?

Commentary Peter **Preston**

HE dish of the day is fish. And Mr Tim Renton, I guess, would like it served plain and simple, maybe grilled with a Mr Renton, along with 23 other Tory Commons colleagues, has just tabled an early-day motion deploring

the increasing non-serious-ness of Britain's serious press. The result, he says, is that "the general public is not well-informed about major and important issues. The European issue is clearly one

of these".
What he means of course (a benign and determined nonbenign and determined non-sceptic) is that the Conserva-tive broadsheets are swilling too deep in Euro-bile for his taste or our sarity. Amen to that. But political analysis and political information stem from political debate: down. The European Union.

which is where the trouble you may remember, is a started and beadily continues. single market. That is what Why, for instance, wasn't Ren-Mr Baldry's Government says ton on his feet in the House on Wednesday night saying a kind word or two for quota hoppers? Some words, an adjective and a noun in conjunction, come with an automatic curl

come with an automatic curl of the lip attached. Try "gun lobby". Or "child molester". Or, now. quota hopper. Twenty MPs spoke in that fishing debate. Not one of them had anything but hopping madness to disgorge. In short form: Britain is apparently being asked to cut its fishing fleet — "in parts" — by "up to" 40 per cent. (The qualifying phrases in quotes are those used by Tony Baldry, the relevant agriculture minister, they are not, of ture minister: they are not, of course, suitable headline material) Meanwhile, it has been floridly discovered that 150 or so ex-British boats, with their catch quotas, have been bought up by Dutch and Span-iards. In "some" fishing sec-

single market. That is what Mr Baldry's Government says it wants: a free market in goods, manpower and services. If, after the election, a jobless Baldry wishes to retire and grow tulips in Holland. wine in France or oranges in Spain, he can do so without Brussels let or hindrance. And, given the beneficence of the CAP, he'll collect EU and national subsidies along the way. If he wants to run a bar in Torremolinos or a croissant factory in Toulouse, the right and entitlement ar-

be the first to say so. Fish is a bit different, but only a bit. The difference by common consent - is that there are too many boats chasing too few fish. If there are no catch restrictions. there will shortly be no fish left to catch. The precise Canadian bind. Therefore limits

rives even more simply. It would be intolerable if it didn't — and Whitehall would

have to be set: quotas, another word for rationing.
Harry Lime knew all about rations. They can be consumed, or they can be sold.
They are a secondary form of currency. In the old EU days of milk scarcity, milk quotas tique by European standards. little be were bargained between in Countries which take fishing garbage.

terested parties for cash, But now fish is the only suitable case for such treatment. If a country has a catch quota, and that quota is vested in a designated fleet of vessels, then it can be sold as easily as a bar in Amsterdam. Nothing illegal, nothing underhand. Single marketeers, applying their own principles, would surely not have it any other way. Unless, of course, they were MPs for fishing constituencies or ministers in a very

fishy Government.
Nobody, on Wednesday night, asked the one, inescapable question. If the Dutch and the Spaniards have shamefully bought 150 of "our first place? Inescapable answer: we did. Our gallant protesting lads did the deal and banked the cheques. The "quota hoppers", in reality,

If there are no catch restrictions, there will shortly be no fish left to catch. The precise Canadian bind

ing sellers — who then turn round and mange to their Members. Were Mr Baldry actually to deal with this "crazy situation", they'd be organis-ing quayside demos declining to give the money back.

And the true situation, on examination, becomes crazier still. The average British

are willing buyers from will-

seriously have seen that the boats are only the start of the industry and invested hundreds of millions in the processing and distribution plants on shore which provide thousands of jobs. Go to Brixham, then go to Vigo. Com-pare the dereliction and the bustle. Compare the drive and

professionalism.

We could quota hop to Spain if we wanted. But our boats are too small and too poor for the trip. We could upgrade our fleet if wanted. But the Treasury won't match the European cash on offer. We could stop or restrain quota curopean cash on offer. We could stop or restrain quota hopping itself at the flick of pen. (A mandatory English captain and first mate: a crew paying National Insurance: a requirement to land a propor-tion of the catch in Britain itself. You remember "subsi-diarity"?) We prefer merely to whinge and bluster and threaten. I'm sure Mr Renton agrees. But he wasn't around.
He and we will just have to hope that a touch of rational-often barbaric, loose-fitting ity arrives in the end with the tomato ketchup. After all, as a Mori poll the other day revealed, 69 per cent of Times readers — overwhelmingly the young and the business either. Sooner or later, with a little help, they'll gut the

rather than obfuscation—have moved into a different era. Dutch fishermen don't have our "discard" problem, don't have to throw dead fish beyond their quotas back into the sea. Their technology the sea. Their technology helps them not to catch the wrong fish in the first place. Countries which take fishing



Bel Littlejohn

First, let's examine the libb of the columnist with her finger on the pulse of current affairs. The columnist's job is to weave different news strands together and by doing so to knit a comprehensive view of the zeitgeist (love that word!). Then she must step back and take a long, hard look at the great hig

thing we call "news".

This Friday — and let's face it, Friday is Belday for many millions of readers of this paper we all love — I'm going to start by turning my focus men — want us at the heart of continuous to start by turning my focus on the Ariane space-rocket disaster. In one swift burst, 11 says. Readers aren't dead fish years of hard graft by international transfer of the continuous transfer of years of hard graft by interna-tional scientists went up in smoke. Has space travel a future? Are we devoting too little time as a nation to harnessing the skills of our young scientists? As Melvyn's guest on Start The Week this Monday, I was brave enough to suggest that an answer to this question must surely lie in our attitude to the behaviour of the English soccer team on that Cathay Pacific jet. Unnamed members of the English soccer team caused £5,000 worth of damage — and this in a week when David Cronenburg's controversial new film Crash depicts, in horrifying detail, the kind of damage that cars can cause to

human beings. But what kind of damage can we do to our own bodies? We've got to face up to it. Vogue magazine has come under pressure from advertisers to stop glamorising an-orexia by showing photo-graphs of young girls with eating disorders. At the same time a new book claims that the Duchess of Windsor who once said you can never be too rich or too thin - was

It makes you think, my god it does, and it becomes all the when another discarded Royal Duchess — and here I'm talking about the onetime Sarah Ferguson — has revealed that she is now taking responsibility for her own life under the aegis of her new self-help guru, Michael

As far as I know, Sarah has yet to comment publicly on the Ariane space-rocket disas-

But does this make it any more justifiable for the IRA to refuse to decommission their stockpile of weaponry until an agreed settlement has been reached? I raised this important question on Start The Week with fellow guest Paula Yates, who has been suffering from her very own worries about an agreed settlement in her divorce proceedings with her ex-husband, Bob Geldof. Let's be clear. Paula has strong views on the future of the Northern Ireland peace time remaining sceptical about Sara Thornton's claims that she cannot be held res-ponsible for killing her hus-band. We are living through an era when, as we saw from yesterday's news, a man is free to set up a gondola ser-vice in London's Little Venice, but a woman will still be denounced in no uncertain terms by the tabloid press if she finds herself pressurised into taking a knife to her sleeping husband in order to

make him less dysfunctional. The scientists tell us that it was this very dysfunctionality in the computers guiding the Ariane space rocket that caused it to explode, scattering the hopes and dreams of hundreds if not thousands of people to the winds. With Princess Diana creating such a stir in the notoriously hardhearted city of Chicago, now should be the time to examine the Government's paltry re-cord on another type of explosion, namely the explosion in the use of automatic handguns.

Will the curfew on 10-yearolds proposed by my good friend Jack Straw really be enough to reduce such repercussions of a violent society as the shocking behaviour we witnessed from the England football team?

AZZA has now become the personification of the zeitgeist, along with Rod Richards MP, Bart Simpson and film star Robert Redford (in town this week). But if Gazza is, as Terry Ven-ables claims, well and truly repentant, and really does intend to do something about improving the quality of airflight, then the Ariane space project must surely be given a second chance.

permitted to ask, does this leave Peter Phillips, the son of Princess Anne? Today, he may face questioning by police over a fight with local youths. To his credit, Paddy Ashdown is seeking to reduce the conflict between rich and poor with radical new income-tax proposals. Let us hope that some of this money can be channeled towards a ter, but if she's heard the news that Tony Blair, the leader of Her Majesty's Opposition, has admitted to smacking his children, then she'll already know that, as many single mothers have already dierovered life is a thing that it's as simple as that. discovered, life is a thing that It's as simple as that.

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Don't blame the genes

Steve Jones argues that a combination of idle reporters and arrogant scientists has fuelled an unnecessary public fear of genetic manipulation

ogy, the easy way out is to deny the facts. This was long deny me facts. This was long the case in economics; but although there are no doubt a few who still regard the New Economic Plan as a betrayal, in general realism has pre-valled. There are not many Guardian readers left who be-lieve that Japan's problems arise because it did not follow the path pursued by Albania. In science, though, self-delusion is still in charge. For genetics in particular, truths must be disowned because they are embarrassing. Racists are evil people who be-lieve in immutable differ-ences between groups; ergo. no such difference can exist. Crime, as the whole world knows, results from inequality. Any suggestion that biology is involved must be, by definition, wrong. Because Hitler wished to improve the human race by selective breeding, genetics is a Nazi science whose every move is part of a eugenic plot

Recently I was rash enough to write a book on human genetics. It was greeted by barking from both ends of the score about 15 points higher than whites. Although the figpolitical spectrum. To some, ures are similar to those for neglecting to wring one's ures are similar to those for neglecting to wring one's ures are similar to those for neglecting to write and the response is oddly different to the response is oddly different hands the requisite number of times whenever the word "gene" is heard is a heinous "gene" is neard is a neurous crime; to others it is an equal affront to suggest that biology might limit free will. The with much success) changed. Sexuals. The response of the 1948. What caused hunger (£20)

THE left has an impressive ability to lie to itself. When faced with facts that conflict with ideol-conflict with ideol-public ignorance of what is Public ignorance of what is really going on resides in two complementary facts: the idle-ness of reporters and the arroare notoriously bad at disclosing the truth but, in its futile quest for a hidden agenda that is not there, the press is

missing much of the point.

Take the question of genetic differences between groups. Much though it might exasperate the Gene Pool Relations Board, such differences exist and I see nothing wrong in using the word "race" to describe them. What is more, the ability to do well in IQ tests runs in families, and American blacks have an average score 15 points lower

than do whites. The Edinburgh Buffoon, Chris Brand, recently revived the ancient smear that this must be due to genes and is hence unalterable. Substitute "blood pressure" for "intelligence" and his error is obvious. High or low blood pressure runs in families (indeed, one of the genes involved was isolated this month). In America, middle-aged black men ferent: racial divergence, most say, is due to the environment

obvious that inheritance within groups is irrelevant to divergence between them; for IQ there is a curious readiness to accept that such dif-ferences are due to genes. The evidence on its own supports neither idea (although at least the environmentalists have some experiments to try). All this is more interesting

than a sterile debate about who is a racist. Rather than concentrate on Brand's ele-mentary mistake, though, the fuss was about whether his

book should be published.
Take, too, the "gene for crime". Half the 60,000 genes that make a human being are switched on in the brain. More and more mutations are found that influence behaviour. In one — and only one — Dutch family a single change interferes with nerve transmission. Almost everyone who has it has been in trouble. Schizophrenia, too, often leads to skirmishes with the law. It is now clear that some cases are due to damage to genes. It is only a matter of time before a genetic test is used in court.

Most geneticists have no problem with the research which, in spite of endless argument about crime as a social construct, is no more perplexing than studying who owns the patent. And — to consider science just as other characters (such as in spite of the hype about science is immediately blood pressure or IQ) that involve both nature and

The interesting question, though, is not in the science but in how it is interpreted. It seems natural that an inborn disposition to crime (or, for that matter, to heart disease) should lead to forgiveness. That, though, is not the only possible response. In the 1930s a German geneticist

For blood pressure it seems Nazis was simple: sterilise was not a collapse of collections that inheritance them. That of the German tive farms but science: "It is high time to realise that today Socialist Medical Association was equally straightforward: was equally strangmorward:
homosexuality is not under
the control of free will and
should no longer be illegal.
Whatever their ethical merits, both views make logical
sense. In the United States,
too genes are appealed to too, genes are appealed to both in mitigation and in blame. One murderer in Geor-

else does; it's not whether the

gene should be patented, but

genetic engineering — the best way to design your baby

The new anti-genetics has

an odd resonance from an

earlier age when, inflamed by the true faith, Stalin denied

the right of the subject itself

to exist. So firm was his belief in the primacy of opinion that

is still to send him to Eton.

capitalist system... Geneti-cists have done us tremendous harm. We must now gia is trying to escape the chair on the grounds that he has an inherited predisposi-tion to crime. In Texas, finally and irrevocably take this reactionary and unscien-tific theory down from its pedestal I am fully convinced that if we guide ourselves by though, the law has changed to ensure that those who the only correct theory, the theory of Marx, Engels, Lenin might pose "an enduring threat to society" (that is, and Stalin, and take advanthose with bad genes) are tage of the tremendous care and attention which the genius of Stalin bestows upon men of Science, we shall un-doubtedly be able to cope with this task." GAIN and again the story is the same. It is not

science that is Well aware of the fate of dissidents, several geneticists read out a letter of apology:
"Glory to the Great Stalin, the leader of the people and the coryphaeus of progressive science!" Their residents contentious but how it is used. Why should DNA be the only chemical immune from patent protection? It is unfair that genes from cancer patients be taken science!" Their retraction by vast corporations without donors getting a penny. But caused "stormy, prolonged and mounting applause and the best protection for those cheers. All rise" Nowadays Stalin himself is with interesting DNA is to get a good lawyer before someone

denounced. Biology, though, is still in the firing line. Any report that has the temerity reported to the great Party Congress of public opinion Faced with the new Lysenkoism it is worth remembering that the moral issues lie not in genetics, but in the agenda of those who use it; and that liberation lies not in denying science, but in understanding what it is trying to do.

our Morganist-Mendelists are in effect making common

cause with the international reactionary force of the bourgeois apologists, not only of the immutability of genes but also of the immutability of the

Lysenko — the acme of Soviet political correctness - was Steve Jones is professor of hired to ensure that DNA be abolished. The purge against genetics at University College London. His book, In The Blood, is published by HarperCollins

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A teacher of note

was an innovative and controversial musical educator, conductor and writer.

Peter Fletcher

Four years at Cambridge as organ scholar at Jesus College, where he studied with Geraint Jones and Thurston Dart, were followed by his national service as conductor of the Royal Signals Orchesmusic director at Uppingham School. From 1962-64 he held the joint post of music adviser to the East Riding of York-shire and organist and master of the choristers at Beverley

senior post of its kind as the Inner London Education Authority's staff inspector for music. The range of talents and the multicultural and social backgrounds of London schoolchildren stimulated him to re-think music education. He encouraged primary teachers to foster curiosity about music and toured schools with a van full of

For him the 1960s vogue for creative music-making was not a goal but a means to stimulate children into acquiring the skills needed to perform any kind of music to an acceptable standard. So he revitalised and restructured the peripatetic instrumental schemes for London schools and founded the ILEA music

La Rue . . . a whip-crackin' hero in black

King of the bullwhip

black outfit.

O SOME people, films | Rue reforms in the end and | ran for one season only, so called Mark of the Lash | never played a baddle again, | the whip-crackin' cowboy and Black Lash, starring | although he retained the took his act on the road, ap-

In most of his films, the

longest being the 73-minute Outlaw Country (1949), La Rue

portrayed a tough US mar-

shal, supported by his ever-faithful grizzled deputy, Al "Fuzzy" St John. Although

the plots often scraped the bottom of the gunbarrel, it was always a thrill to see

"Lash" unfurl his long leather whip to separate a man from his gun. The fact that he seldom had time for

women nor did he hold up the

action to croon soppy songs. like his more famous contem-

poraries. Roy Rogers and Gene Autry, made him a favourite among the rowdier

youngsters in the audience.

PRC, a Poverty Row studio, in Song of Old Wyoming (1945), in which he was the evil Cheyenne Kid, a classic heavy dressed in black. La specific from his old movies. It

Al 'Lash' La Rue

"Lash" La Rue, might evoke a

sado-masochist fantasy but to

hordes of kids who attended

1940s Saturday morning

movie matinees a very differ-

ent picture is conjured up. Al

"Lash" La Rue, who has died

aged 79, was a cowboy hero who wielded a 15ft bullwhip

to humble villains in a dozen

or so B westerns. He was, as

the title of his 1951 film pro-

claims, King of the Bullwhip. Born Albert La Rue in Loui-

estate agent before getting bit

parts in films. La Rue, who

down by the big studios be-cause of his resemblance to

Humphrey Bogart, was even-

tually given his chance by

His concern about the low

conservatoires catering for talented schoolchildren led him to found the Centre for Young Musicians (CYM). There he assembled a team of eachers — many of them leading players in London or chestras — to provide intensive training. The CYM has outlived the ILEA.

To enable specialist music education to exist in the pubmusic course at Pimlico School and started a founda tion course for 16-18 year-olds at Kingsway-Princeton Col-lege for which he helped devise a music double A-level.

heart was the London Schools Symphony Orchestra, which he reorganised and regularly conducted. Conducting and training choirs and orches-tras had always been his preferred musical activity. His enthusiasm for new and challenging 20th century music made the LSSO the country's most adventurous youth orchestra and its high stan-dards amazed critics. The orchestra frequently toured abroad and was a wonderful advertisement for what could be achieved by London

In the ILEA, Fletcher pio neered approaches that have become part of the national curriculum or incorporated in community music activi-ties. An example was his cre-ation of the Cockpit Ensemble, a full-time group of composer/performers that ments and then rudimentary

In 1973 be became head of music at Canada's Dalhousie University. During the next four years he designed degree courses and conducted the Dalhousie Choral and Opera East. His history course, in which he discussed and played classical, pop, folk and world music, attracted classes of 250 students and formed the basis of his first book, Roll over Rock.

He came back to England in 1974 as principal music ad-viser for Leicestershire. The Leicestershire Schools Symphony Orchestra — the "other" LSSO — had already gained a national reputation. Fletcher widened its repertoire to include newly com-missioned works, schoolchildren's compositions and 20th century works, particularly by Ives and Tippett. He revitalised the Leicestershire School of Music, founded the Leicestershire Chorale and directed Loughborough's international singing weeks.

In 1984 he became principal of the Welsh College of Music and Drama. Fletcher considered his musical instincts to be near-infallible but, although he was generally right, he was always impa-tient to get things moving, intolerant of what he considered to be musically second rate and firm in his beliefs. His five years there were not happy. His reforming zeal en-countered considerable opposition and he resigned in 1989. During this period he pro-duced his controversial Education and Music. "I have fre-

quently found that my musical intuition of what is

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pearing with circuses, carnivals and Wild West shows,

before falling on hard times. In 1966, he was arrested for

vagrancy, with only 35 cents

in his pocket. Happily, he found his feet again through TV character parts and guest appearances at nostalgic film clubs around the country,

still wearing his black shirt

Reputed to have been mar-ried at least 10 times and to have fathered many children.

La Rue had no regrets about

his life. "How could any kid

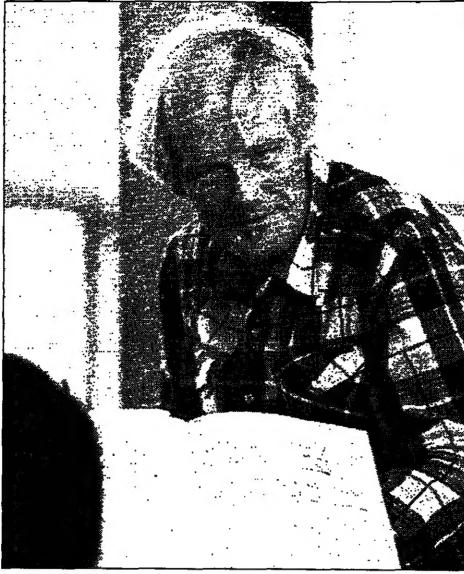
who grew up wanting to be a

cowboy not enjoy being Lash La Rue? It was a dream come

Al "Lash" La Rue, cowboy actor,

and cowboy boots.

Ronald Bergan



Pletcher . . . his reforming zeal as musical educator led to controversy

understand music was through performance and the system should offer relevant

teaching.
In Leicestershire, with its large Asian population, he had become interested in Indian music and travelled to the subcontinent to study it.

educationally right has music. During his last years clashed with current education reasoning," he wrote. For Fletcher the way to working professionally, some-times travelling rough, and the result was his comprehengrateful to him for sharing in He planned his last weeks so that he could complete the

their school years his enthu-siasm for making music. He is survived by two sons. book and conduct the B Minor John Hosler Mass in Leicester and the Verdi Regulam in Exeter just

Peter Flatcher, music teacher, born January 9, 1836; died May

Jimmy Rowles

Magician to the stars

has died aged 77, was a subtle, laconic and all-but-psychic pianist who elevated the art of creative jazz accompaniment to the status of a ministurist won-

shop-talk among knowledge-able fans. But Rowles was different. The city of Los Anber 14 Jimmy Rowles Day. He was the kind of accompanist who made every kind of soloist - usually singers, in his case - sound better, even the

great ones. This conclusion was easy to establish in Rowles's case, as he worked with almost all the great ones. Billie Holiday, Peggy Lee, Sarah Vaughan and Ella Fitzgerald were de-voted to his playing and sought him out. He worked with Carmen McRae and Tony Bennett, and accompanied such legendary instrumental-ists as Stan Getz. He made things happen that altered the course of a performance without the audience, and some-times the stars, knowing quite why the change in mom or mood had occurred. Rowles seemed to merely breathe on

changed colour.

aspect to the session because Rowles's condition obliged everybody in the studio to wear face-masks.) The result was one of the best recordings

Rowles's inspirations were the playing of the great swing planist Teddy Wilson and the orably described his voice as sounding "like a cance being dragged across a road".

He began playing as a col-lege freshman and in 1940 joined vaudevillian jazzman Slim Gaillard's group and later became part of a group led by Lester Young and his brother Lee. In 1941 he worked with Billie Holiday and Ben Webster and over the next two years with the orchestras of Benny Goodman and Woody Herman, joining Tommy Dor-sey and eventually Bob Crosby after military service. In the 1950s, Rowles's increasingly encyclopaedic knowledge and apparently in-fallible memory for the har-

understatement and selfeffacement that he did, but he exuded musicianship with every barely-struck note.

Jimmy Rowles, musician, born



Rowles . . . made even the greats sound better DAVID REDFERN

His reputation spread be-youd the cognoscenti late in

ing musicians in the shadows behind the soloist don't usu-ally inspire much more than occasionally, though he mem-

his materials and they

obliquely, on the British jazz scene last year. London singer Norma Winstone had written her own lyrics to Rowles's sent them on spec to the vet-eran pianist. Rowles liked her version but negotiating a recording date wasn't easy. Rowles's emphysema prohib-ited leaving the California sun but the singer responded "All right, I'll come to you" and

more lucrative studio work for film and TV, and be joined Henry Mancini's successful jazz-tinged orchestra, which he stayed with for 20 years. He moved to New York in 1973 and performed regularly

with saxophonists Al Cohn and Zoot Sims, becoming a regular on the New York jazz scene and recording occasion ally, making a highly regarded album with Stan Peacocks in 1977. Further alburns in the 1980s showed that his powers weren't waning. They also introduced the ex-cellent boppish trumpet playing of his daughter Stacy.

Rowles's art isn't one that many jazz pianists today would find the need to learn with the same relish for

August 19, 1918; died May 28,

cricket, which became life-long interests. After demob, Eric became a buyer at the Hyde Park Hotel and wrote

Hyde Park Hotel and wrote comedy lines and short stories in his spare time.

I recall vividly Eric's first meeting with Roy Hudd in 1959. When Eric turned up for the meeting in a pub off Trafalgar Square, Roy and I ignored him in his charcoal grey suit, sombre tie and grey suit, sombre tie and briefcase. We were looking out for some sort of beamik.

marriage, From the age of eight he looked after his younger siblings. After Star Road School, Fulham, where he was head boy, he won a

scholarship to grammar school but his family could not afford the uniform.

He had a succession of jobs until National Service. Here

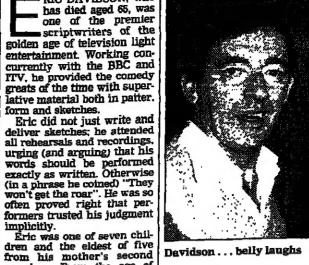
he excelled at football and

His writing, however, was highly thoughtful, original and incisive. His first break came through a Tommy Steele radio show. Newcomer though he was, he soon showed his combative spirit

and Tommy succumbed gracefully. By 1963 he had given up his day job. His first television break was The Illustrated Weekly Hudd. Time passed and his output became more and more prodigious. The Hyde Park Hotel became a world away and he embraced the camaraderie of showbusiness

eagerly. His total commitment to the shows he worked on (most recently, all the Des O'Connor instinct. He never disappointed. His words were appointed. His words were honest criticism of perform fitted whoever he was writing ers and producers alike made for like a glove him a legend in TV studios and the most desirable of scriptwriters to have around. wound down in favour of chat

and quiz shows, Eric wit-nessed the sad demise of the writer, born May 19, 1931; died TV sketch show but there was | May 20, 1996



always enough call on his services to keep him He is survived by his wife, Eileen, and five children.

Roy Hudd writes: Eric Davidson was a writer of belly laughs — "roars", as he used to call them. Not for him the cold, cynical "knock". He believed comedy should be fun, clever and, like Sir George Robey,

honestly vulgar.

I first met him through an advert in The Stage. I, who had been in the business all of two years, advertised for "new material from an "new material from an established writer for a brilliant new comic". Eric. having never written for anyone, replied and, in blissful ignorance, we started working together.

We wrote all my early Workers' Playtime spots and

Workers' Playtime spots and dozens of summer show sketches for Brandon & Pound's Out of the Blue and Frank Adey's Ocean Revue. He wrote lots of stand-up spots The Illustrated Weekly Hudd and soon left me In spite of my amateur

fumblings, his material shone through and soon everyone was after him. Cliff Richard and the Shadows, Billy Dainty, Terry Scott and Hugh Lloyd, Ted Rogers, Mike

Caring, professional, enthusiastic purveyors of comedy are a rare breed. Eric was one par excellence.

Birthdays

Wilfred Cockcroft, math-ematician, chairman, Secondary Examinations Council, 73: David Coleridge, former chairman, Lloyd's, 64; Elizabeth Counsell, actress, 54; Tal Farlow, jazz guitarist, 75: Martyn Goff, chairman, Book Trust, 73; James Ivory, film director, 68; Tom Jones, pop singer, 56; Jaime Laredo, violinist, 55: Sir Eric Mc-Dowell, chairman, Relate, Northern Ireland, 71; Virginia McKenna, actress, 65; Georges Marchais, former secretary-general. French Secretary-general. French Communist Party, 76; Liam Neeson, actor, 44; Thomas Arfon Owen, former direc-tor, Welsh Arts Council, 63; Michael Pennington, actor and writer, 53: Royald Pickup, actor, 56: Prince, rock singer, 38; Neal Radford, cricketer, 39: Curtis Robb, athlete, 24: Jim Rose, publisher, former chairman,

Rt Rev Michael Baughen, Penguin Books, 87; Very Rev Bishop of Chester, 66, Sir Dr John Simpson, Dean of Canterbury, 63; Prof Sir William Stewart, former chief scientific adviser, Cabinet Office, 61; Norman Strouse, popular composer, 68; Air Chief Marshal Sir John Thomson, Commander-in-Chief, United Kingdom Air Forces, 54; Mark Young. trade union leader, 67.

Death Notices

Marriages

at 12 noon on Saturday 8th June, at St. Mary's Clurch, Clilton Village, Notingtam, between Calherine Clare Buckby and Jason Timothy Charlas Mc Naughton

Jackdaw

Road hog

YOU thought you'd met some bad drivers? Well, just be glad you don't live in Vetran, Bulgaria, where residents were recently terrorised by a pigsnout, trotters and everything — driving a 10-ton truck. The trouble began when farmer Michael Craznich left his engine running while loading produce in the back. As he hefted carcasses in, 2001b porker Mr. Snouty, attracted by the delicious scent of pistachio nuts wafting down from the dashboard, climbed into the cab, where, in his struggle to scoff the nuts, he knocked off the

and floored the accelerator pedal with a deft trotter. The pig then went on a two-mile trail of destruction, wrecking eight cars and hospitalising 13 people before crashing into a church. Police are looking for a driver with very short legs and a belly touching the ground who can only communicate in loud grunts. Road rage spreading to the Continent, reported in BSH.

Baby notes

MEN: To prepare for • Go to the local drugstore. Tip the contents of your wallet on the counter. Tell the pharmacist to help himself. Go to the supermarket. Arrange to have your salary paid direct to its head office.

Pick up the paper. Read it for the last time.

WOMEN: To prepare for Put on a dressing gown and stick a pillowcase filled with beans down the front. Leave it handbrake, selected first gear | After nine months, take out 10

per cent of the beans. Drink a gallon of water Do not go to the bathroom for 24 hours, or go to the bath-room every 3-5 minutes with have deposited. Either way you will have a

good sense of what bloatation To discover how the nights

1. Walk aound the living room from 5pm to 10pm carrying a mately 8-12 pounds, with a radio turned to static (or some other obnoxious sound) playing loudly.

2. At 10pm, put the bag down, set the alarm for midnight. and go to sleep.
3. Get up at 12 and walk around the living room again, with the bag, until lam. Set the alarm for 3am. 5. As you can't get back to sleep, get up at 2am and make

a drink 6. Go to bed at 2.45am. 7. Get up at 3am when the alarm goes off. 8. Sing songs in the dark until 4am.

Put the alarm on for 5am.

Keep this up for five years. Look cheerful. Dressing small children is

into the bag so that none of the arms hangs out. Time allowed for this - all Taking a long trip with your toddler:

Make a recording of Fran Fine (the nanny) saying "Mommy" IMPORTANT. No more than a four-second delay between each

"Mommy". Occasional crescendo to the level of a supersonic jet is Play this tape in your car everywhere you go for the next four years. Talking to an adult of your

Have someone tug on your: skirt hem shirt sleeve, or eibow whilst playing the tape made above. You are now prepared to have a conversation wih an

adult with a child in the room.

Advice to consider before jump- | in the used-car trade refer to ing into the parental scene. Online at http://lake.sowashoco. 12.mn.us/pk/html/pfpl

Earwig

IT IS NOT that Tobin disagrees with Jones on certain essentials (Frog and toad = road; taters (in the mould) = cold; skin [and blister] = sister, and so on): nor does Tobin deny the right of Jones to be inventive in his slang — this is part of the game. (Jones reckons Salford docks = rocks, though Salford is a long way from Wapping.) But there are some locutions that Tobin can't take:

Pimple [and blotch] for scotch; Tobin's always said gold watch. He never uses salmon [and trout] to mean stout, but gout. Nor does he like weasel [and stoat] for coat, preferring nanny goat. As for tea pot lid for yid, this is inadmissable in the best company; it should be front wheel skid (or simply 4x2, four-b'-two). Nor is sausage [and mash] cash; no, sausage is flash, as in "flash geezer"

And Tobin's acquaintances

them not as jam-jars but as Dot Wordsworth in The Spectator brings Jack Jones's new

book, Rhyming Cockney Slang, to the attention of Mr Mick Tobin (an expert in the field), whose Initial reactions were "Old up, who is this c--" when he was confronted with the mistakes above. Proving that anyone who wants to make consistent sense of the rabbit [and pork] down the rub-a-dub



Labour will last the election

and Billy eyes front. Suburbia SO WHAT is Britpop style?

is going to have to earn his

greens [greeengages]. Otherwise he'll look a right 'Arry

Quintessentially English, it what we've been doing best for years, the art of dressing down, of creating a comfortable uniform that just manages to break the rules but also keeps us in our place. Britpop. Sloppy and un-refined, it bears no resemblance to the American night mare called grunge. Britpop is a conscious effort to assert one's provincial or suburban roots, one's normality. It's Basildon or Bletchy, not the council estate brashness of The Clash or the working class groams of Billy Bragg. It's the face of middle England, of the changing landscapes of suburban mores as the political earthquakes continue to rip the last death rattle from the voice of the post-Thatcher Britain. The worst we expect from Britpop is that the

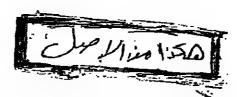
doff their caps to the elders. Scene magazine on the cur-rent state of British fashion. that is definately not causing a

Ralph's shades ASPEN summit

Breakwater white Candelabra white Country stove white Design studio white Dover cliffs Dune white Edwardian linen Flower sack white Garden rose white Killington traverse Montauk diftwood Pocket watch white Polo mallet white Sneaker white Just a tiny sample of pale shades of white now available in Raiph Lauren's new paint line. Printed in Harpers.

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youth who listen to it will not | Emily Sheffield



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City is wary of political motive for cut in interest rates



'Just the morning for a balloon flight over the City of London, Mr Bradford...' 'And a mortgage rate cut too, Mr Bingley.'

Economy does the splits

much-needed pick-up in sales last month, although traders

still report excessive stocks.
Separate figures from the

ers and Traders showed sales at 166,000 vehicles in May, up

by 8.5 per cent on the same

month last year, following a 17 per cent rise in April. Roger King, SMMT public effairs director, said: "This

confirms reports we have

been receiving from show-rooms that private purchas-

ers are returning to the mar-ket." The CBI reported that

motor traders were taking on

staff to cope with the extra

Brisk takings on the high

street have pushed other retailers into the job market

in search of new workers, the Distributive Trades Survey —

reported. The gap between the number of shops expecting to take on staff this month and those planning to shed labour is nine points — the highest figure for more than

Retailers were also dusting

off investment plans, with planned capital expenditure

at the highest level since No-

But stronger demand is not feeding through into price tags, according to CBI econo-

mists — who said inflationary

Richard Thomas

pressure was levelling off.

vember 1993, the CBI said.

which covers 427 outlets -

High street sales strongest since 1988

REVIVING housing market and buoyant consumer confidence are fuelling bumper spring sales on Britain's high streets, the Confederation of British Industry said vectoriay are fuelling bumper spring sales on Britain's high streets, the Confederation of British Industry said

Coming on the heels of the surprise decision by the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, to cut interest rates from 6 per cent to 5.75 per cent, the CBI's upbeat picture raised City suspicions that the move was inspired by political concerns.

Alex Garrard, UK economist at the investment bank UBS, said: "If you take this survey with strong consumer credit it does look as if Clarks is turning to lower interest rates to boost the Government's political fortunes.

Unveiling its latest snapshot of retailing, the CBI said both hardware and DIY stores, and furniture and carpet outlets — which rely heavily on a healthy market - reported that sales in May were the strongest since September 1988, at the end of

Alastair Eperon, chairman of the CBI's Distributive Trades Survey panel, said: of the upturn seen in the new "The continued expansion in year. People have more retail trade for May is welcome as it points to the emergence of a 'feel better' mood among consumers."

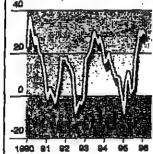
Shops and stores reporting move."

The CBI survey also

that this upturn would last through the summer, unlike the mini-booms of previous

Ruth Parkhouse, assistant director of the British Retail Consortium, said: "We have seen a definite strengthening

Retail sales % balance of shope reporting sales up or down



money in their pockets be-cause of the budget tax cuts, interest rates are lower and the housing market is on the

better sales than last year out. The CBI survey also stripped by 29 percentage showed car dealers enjoying a

. . . but the factories still struggle

NDUSTRY moved swiftly to back the Chancellor's quarter-point cut in base rates yesterday, amid grow-ing fears that the recent rise in the pound would exacerbate the problems faced by exporters.

Manufacturing has been the Cinderella of the econo-my since autumn last year, with the need to shed excess stocks and the recession in continental Europe combin-

ing to depress output.
After rising strongly in
1994, output growth slowed in the first half of 1995 and began to fall towards the end of the year. It has now dropped back to the level of spring 1990, the peak reached just ahead of the recession of the 1990s. in the 17 years since the

Government first came to power, manufacturing production has risen by 11 per cent - or around 0.6 per tent a year on average— the weakest record of the leading industrialised countries. However, the modest growth rate dis-guises wild gyration, with rapid growth in the midand late 1980s between two

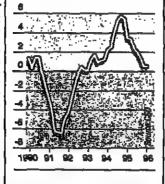
Factory output now accounts for only a quarter of gross domestic product, but t remains hugely influential for monetary policy. In part, this is due to the

deep recessions.

than the service sector, at | of British Industry, said 63 per cent of GDP. But in addition, the

strong lobby groups on be-half of manufacturing have found an ally in the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke. As an East Midlands MP, Mr Clarke has made clear that he believes in the need for a strong manufacturing base. Most analysts believe the pick-up in consumer de-mand should feed down the supply chain and boost fac-

Factory blues % change, 3 months on a year ago



tory output in the second half of the year, but official sources admitted yesterday that in the past few weeks the gap between the manufacturing and service sec-tors had widered. fact that manufacturing is Kate Barker, chief economuch better documented mist at the Confederation

demand is aiready improving and we believe will ac-celerate this year, manufacturing has been held back by weak export demand.
'In this context the

recent strength of sterling has emerged as the factor which tipped the balance in favour of this small adjustment."

Ms Barker said the CBI had become keener on a cut in rates over the past fortevel against the German

mark for 15 mouths. The CBI's downbeat asessment of manufacturing has been shared by other recent surveys, with both the British Chambers of Commerce and the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) pointing to falling output and weakening

price pressure.
The Chancellor used the diminution of factory gate price inflation as one of the main reasons behind the cut. Output prices rose by 8.2 per cent in the year to April, down from 4.5 per cent last summer. This week's PMI reported that even before the pound's rise, trading conditions. trading conditions in manufacturing were the poorest since September 1992. After all, the increased ac-

Larry Elliott

Notebook

Clarke — test is yet to come



Mark Milner

THEN his appointment HEN his appointment
was announced, there
were those who raised
a quizzical eyebrow at the
choice of Kenneth Clarke as
Chancellor of the Exchequer.
True, said the doubters, he was a robust debater who would be able to confront po-litical critics of the Govern-

ment in the wake of the col-lapse of a policy based on membership of the exchange But did he have the capacity for detail to handle this most complex of briefs? Would his perceived pen-chant for occasionally shooting from the hip unsettle hypersensitive financial markels?

rubbed along pretty well with the City since he moved into No 11 Downing Street in May 1993. His credibility was particularly enhanced a year ago When, in spite of the advice of the inflation hawks in the Bank of England as well as a significant number of economists and commentators, he held out against the idea of

raising interest rates. But if Mr Clarke caught the But if Mr Clarke caught the economy, enough certainly to markets on the hop by doing allow for several years of nothing then, he positively stunned them by his decision yesterday to cut rates - the fourth such downward nudge

since the Budget last year. It is no bad thing for Chanceliors to be able to spring the odd surprise. If big financial players become too sure night as sterling gained the weight of money placed ground, rising to its highest on the basis of such forecasts on the basis of such forecasts can be sufficient to make them self-fulfilling. The Bundesbank didn't get where it is today by playing poodle

to the market Just as Mr Clarke took the City by surprise by the timing of the cut in borrowing costs. he has left the "teenage scrib-blers" — as one of his predecessors. Nigel Lawson, char-acterised the City's economic analysts — divided over his

OME suggest that Mr Clarke's thinking was political. Their argument is that, with consumers spending more, real incomes rising and unemployment falling, there was no need to

tivity in the high streets and the housing market (the Halifax is now expecting prices to rise by 5 per cent this year. rather than 2 per cent) will inevitably feed through into of his willingness to put the manufacturing and con-wider interests of the econostruction sectors later this year and early next.

These critics say the Chan-cellor has decided to cut rates now to accelerate that improvement and capitalise on it in time for the general election next year. On their calculations, the Bank of England is more likely than not to day's decision have seen the Chancellor's de-political cost.

cision to cut another one quarter of one percentage point from base rates as an unnecessary risk with inflation. The previous cut in rates was seen as an "insurance policy" against the risk of further slowdown. To extend the analogy, the Chancel-lor has now doubled his pre-miums on a diminishing risk.

If Mr Clarke was motivated by political considerations, he has reaped an early dividend. The decision of some of the big mortgage lenders to cut the expected recovery in the housing market - itself one of the most important ingredi-ents in the "feel good" factor deemed so essential for elec-

toral success.
Other economists sugges that Mr Clarke may have been concerned by the recent strength of the pound on the foreign exchanges and was worried that its rise in value against the currencies of key trading partners would add further to the pressures on Britain's struggling manufacturing base.

The travails of manufacturing industry are themselves seen as reason enough for a the CBI's slightly muted welcome suggests that many in manufacturing industry reckon a pick-up in demand was already in the pipeline.

A more positive assessmen

the Chancellor's assertion that the cut does not threaten his inflation target. There is plenty of spare capacity in the above-trend growth without any risk of re-igniting infla-tionary pressures. Why, then,

among the most whole-NE group likely to be hearted in its welcome for the rate cut is Mr Clarke's gather at Durneywood this weekend to sketch some early outlines of the next Budget package.

They may now be able to feel more confident of getting target for the economy, with all that means for tax revenues and their forecasts for the public sector borrowing requirement in 1996/97. That tions for the amount of room for manoeuvre Mr Clarke may have to cut taxes.

Such considerations, of course, would seem to add strength to those who accuse Mr Clarke of playing politics with the economy. The truth is likely to be more complex. The betting must be that Mr Clarke's motives were a mixture of economic fine-tuning, market opportunism — tak-ing advantage of sterling's rise - and a dash of political calculation.

Yesterday was not the real test of Mr Clarke's credibility, wider interests of the econo-my ahead of narrow party politics. That will come if the latest reduction does prove a cut too far and the economic langer signals start to Dash in the run-up to the general election. Mr Clarke will then be judged, and rightly, on his willingness to reverse yesterday's decision, whatever the

Shoppers return to Boots New low for home loans

Retailer spots signs of growth, reports Sarah Whitebloom

VIDENCE of shoppers spending more was yes terday supported by the Boots chain. "There are growing signs of a recovery in consumer confidence." said chairman Sir Michael Angus after announcing the company's annual results. This is being reflected in spending within our stores

Boots, which was unveiling a 6.1 per cent fall in pretax profits, saw its share price rise as City brokers warmly welcomed the company's optimistic forecasts. Although signs of recovery are also reaching the DIY market, Fads and Do It All, which the firm jointly

After recent reports that Smith's new chief executive, Bill Cockburn, wants to sell the stationery retailer's half share. Lord Blyth, chief executive at Boots, said he "wouldn't speculate on as taking 100 per cent control". He said Boots believed

that the value of Do It All would be maximised by the continued pursuit of the present strategy. He conceded that Do It All seemed to provide WH Smith "with rather more difficulties than it

does us". In total Boots reported pre-tax profits of £493.5 million compared with £525.6 million last time when a £86.4 million contribution from its former subsidiary Boots Pharma-

ceuticals was included. The company's chemist chain was the star perwith former in the financial for such a decision.

WH Smith, suffered last | year, according to Sir

It turned in sales of increase on last year. Sales at Halfords were also ahead — by 3.3 per cent

to £390.5 million. Pads and Do It All are involved in rationalisation programmes. Around 25 Fads outlets

Analysts were disappointed that there was no more significant good news for shareholders. Eighteen months ago Boots bought back £508 million of its

The company is now sitting on a sum of about £660 million in cash and it had rate 0.26 per cent to 6.99 per been hoped that Boots cent, is currently paying just might once again have de- 2.28 per cent net on £4,000 in a cided to return some of this 90-day notice account. Savers to investors. Lord Blyth said that Boots would choose its time

savers lose, says Teresa Hunter

RITAIN'S nine million mortgage borrowers can celebrate the cheap-est home loans since the midare closing per year and est home loans since the mid-there are 44 Do It All sites Sixtles, following yesterday's 0.25 per cent fall in the cost of borrowing. But a return to 1965 interest rates will not be welcomed by savers, who are already suffering painfully low returns.

The Halifax, which responded swiftly to yesterday's cut in bank lending interest by trimming its mortgage needing instant access earn only 2 per cent net. Britain's biggest building 70,000

society was unable to say

Mortgages are back when saver returns would start to numble, but warned that they would have to fall in line with the mortgage rate. Cheaper houses in the first-time-buyer range. "Many people who bought in the late 1980s are unable

line with the mortgage rate.

Fears about the health of the housing market spurred the Halifax to lower borrowing costs ahead of the sum - traditionally the big house-buying season. Even though house prices are 4.6 per cent higher than a year ago, values could fall again in the autumn — as in 1994 — if the recovery peters out.

Halifax's general manager, David Gilchrist, said: "House prices have risen at the top end and in the middle of the for existing borrowers with market, but there is no sign of loans of less than 259,999. Borany improvement among

What you save

£ at 6,98% 148.55 5.53 30,000 50,000 265.05 9.86

themselves to move because they remain trapped by negative equity. But they may also be acting as a deterrent to their peers and younger generations, who show few signs of wishing to buy."
Halifax's new low rate takes effect immediately for new borrowers - but not

until August for existing bor rowers. Similarly, the Abbey National's new 7.04 per cent rate bites from September 1 rowers of £60,000 to £99,999 will pay 6.99 per cent, and loans of more than £100,000 will cost 6.94 per cent.
The Bradford & Bingley

slashed its rate to 6.74 per cent and the Northern Rock rate fell to 6.99 per cent. The Halifax's rapid ponse followed signs that the supply of houses coming on to the market was drying up.

News in brief

Blenheim bid seen likely A takeover bid for exhibition

Blenheim Group was widely way for other telecom opera-expected last night after the tors to compete with British shares leapt a further 10 per | Telecom and Mercury Comcent yesterday following a 20 per cent rise on Wednesday. United News & Media is the favoured predator, but declined to comment. Blenheim | opoly of this part of the intersaid on Wednesday that it had received an initial approach from an unnamed company.

Salisburys stores sold Thirty-nine of the 169 Salisburys luggage stores have been sold for an undisclosed sum, saving 280 jobs after Stephen Hinchliffe's retail empire Facia collapsed last week with debts of £30 million. A spokesman for receiver Grant Thornton said the buyer of the 39 stores, which are dotted around the UK, was Sheffieldbased Mister Minit which op next month.

Salisburys trading name has not been sold.

Telecom opening

and conference organiser The Government opened the munications in the handling of phone calls arriving in or leaving the United Kingdom. It ended the BT/Mercury dumove which Oftel director general Don Cruickshank said would remove a regulatory barrier to full competition in the UK market.

British Energy spur

A discount of 10p a share or a one-for-15 share bonus were announced by the Government yesterday as the incentives for investors in British Energy, the company formed for the flotation of the nuclear industry due to take place

TOURIST RATES - BANK SELLS

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Italy 2,346 Malta 0 5475 Netherlanda 2.5725 Hong Kong 11 66 India 53.50 Ireland 0.9475

New Zealand 2.2425 Sweden 10.28 Norway 9.87 Switzerland 1.8775 Norway 9.87 Switzerland 1,8775 Portugal 238.00 Turkey 116,980 Saudi Arabia 6.56 USA 1,5100

Lucas tempted to offer £400m Varity sweetener The payment, in the form of | tor of strategic planning, con- | over the past three years, | ing turning its sights on Var- | aerospace division was sub- a special dividend, would be | ceded that the aerospace busi- | would table an offer for | ity itself as a means of beefing | ject to an abortive manage.

Paul Marphy

CCAS is thought to be considering a £400 mildion "sweetener" for shareholders if it is forced formally to defend its planned though with America's Varity Brough close followers of the British automotive compoments company have indifunded by the sale of the aero-

space division. Lucas, which has seen its £3.2 billion merger with the US car brakes specialist challenged by a potential counter-bid from rival metal-basher BBA, began a fresh set of presentations yesterday on the virtues of the Varity deal.

ness was not central to making Lucas a "tier one" player in the world automotive parts industry. "We will take any action necessary to defend little more than half the mar-

this deal," he said. Stock market sources were cooling on the idea that BBA, whose fortunes have been revived by the buccaneering Jack Fryer, Lucas's direc American Roberto Quarta that BBA might be consider-

Brokers stressed that despite the size of BBA - which at £1.2 billion is capitalised at ket value attached to Lucas it would have little problem raising the funds for such a leveraged attack. Speculation was growing Lucas by the wayside. City analysts saw a ready buyer for Lucas's aerospace

business in the shape of TI position to augment the work some to suggest that a merged of its Dowty subsidiary for Lucas/Varity combine might Boeing with Lucas's experience with Airbus in Europe. Sources indicated that the strengthen its balance sheet.

ment buyout attempt 18 months ago, although Lucas would not confirm this. The aerospace concern is said to have enjoyed a strong

Group, which would be in a profits recovery, leading prefer to hold on to the business for a couple of years to all parts of the UK operation.
A bank spokeswoman did

say, however, that the

planned cuts were "not a new

thing". She maintained that the managers had long known

in what direction the bank

was moving. 'It is part and

parcel of our existing pro-

since 1990 and has consis-tently said that more cuts are

planned. The bank declined to

give figures yesterday for how many staff were to be cut this year. But Unifi said that

more than 2,000 people had al-

ready been told they had no future with Barclays.

Mr Snowball admitted "The principle has been known about for some time."

But he said that the meetings this week were the first time

that managers had been con-

fronted with personal job loss

exit with dignity".

Barclays said it would be

running a retraining pro-gramme for affected staff, and

jobs by voluntary means.

The bank said that despite

cuts in behind-the-scenes administrative jobs at branches,

more staff would be dealing

with customers. In 1995, the bank sald, it created 1,000 new customer service jobs.

But Unifi rejected sugges

tions that customer service

would be improved, and Mr

can trest operations manag ers in such a cavalier way.

Mr Bogle said the Roches-ter products fitted Medeva's strategy of building a pre-

scription pharmaceuticals

company that was not wholly dependent upon its own

"We're taking older prod-

technology, we're buying products," he said.

research for new products.

said, there were 8,000 manage—who is next? Where are the rial level staff in Barclays, ethics in this for a business but this included managers in such as Barclays?"

US assets lost

in bid defeat

EDEVA, Britain's fourth-largest drug-

£250 million to speed expansion in the US by acquiring drug assets from France's Rhône-Poulenc Rorer.

Its purchases include a fac-tory in New York State, for-

merly the US headquarters of

Fisons, and the rights to a

clutch of drugs produced

These pharmaceutical prod-ucts generated profits of

29.8 million last year on sales

of £64.3 million — something that Blil Bogie, Medeva's chief executive hopes to im-

When Mr Bogie was beaten

by Rhône in the bid battle for

Fisons, he immediately initi-ated talks with the victor to

try to buy the American plant, which is situated in

Rhône, France's largest

drugmaker, wanted to sell as part of a debt reduction and

product focusing strategy.

Mr Bogie said: "We believe the assets will provide the

means for driving strong and

sustained organic growth in the US, which is already Me-

deva's largest market."
The Rochester drugs plant specialises in respiratory, di-

uretic and appetite suppres-

rights to patented technology, which controls the release of

Medeva will also acquire

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Bifu said managers had been given various options at the meetings, including "an

Barclays has cut 21,000 jobs

gramme," she said.

Barclays

managers

face huge

job cuts

HOUSANDS of Bar-

clays bank managers have been told that

their jobs are at risk.

Managers across the country have been told individually or

at group meetings this week that drastic cuts are planned

in branch administration.

Some were offered redun-

According to the Barclays staff union, Unifi, 30 manag-

ers at one meeting were horri-fled to learn that their num-

bers were to be reduced to

On a national basis. Unifi

said more than 50 per cent of the bank's operations and

personal sector managers

would lose their jobs, al-though the union believes

that this is a very conserva-

Paul Snowball, Unifi's general secretary, said that the union had been deluged with

calls this week from its mana-gerial members. He said:

Some of them just don't know how they're going to go home and tell their families

that they may not have a job

Rob MacGragor, assistant secretary of Bifu, the banking

and finance union, said:

"We're talking of some of the

most experienced managers

and clerical staff left in Bar-

clays. It's only the beginning

Barclays would not give fig-

managerial job losses it is seeking. In total, the bank

of a new wave of job losses."

Sarah Whitebloom

and three Kuwaiti financial vest \$10 million seed capital in WorldTel. Mr Pitroda said the first three projects should be identified within the next

with no ties to any particular firm, and with the aim

of delivering a commercial

return to investors of be-

NatWest, GE Capital, American International Group

institutions including

tween 20 and 25 per cent.

six months, with the main fund-raising starting in the first quarter of 1997. He said there were about 650 million phone lines in the world, 85 per cent of them in

countries, and more than four billion people without phones. The number of lines was expected to double over the next 10 years. WorldTel hoped to help fund the creation of up to 50 million new lines.

Many of these would be in rural areas and would include village or community phones. A single phone, he said, added about \$2,000 to GNP in countries with percapita GNP of about \$1,000. WorldTel will help design the projects, bringing in appropriate operators and being set up as an independent manufacturers dent commercial company at the local level.

Results in brief 'Healthy Britain' gives fillip to 3i EUROPE'S largest venture capital company, 31, has in its first full financial year as a listed company reaped the benefits of Britain's relative economic strength and a strong regional presence. Ewen Macpherson. chief executive, said: "We have benefited from the strength in the UK of small and medium-sized businesses. The bulk of our portfolio is in businesses that cannot go to the market on their own. The evidence we have is that that part of the economy remains healthy." The group, which not only provides venture capital but also manages investment funds, increased its net asset value per share from 346p to 426p over the year to March 31. 3i invested some £613 million last year in 554 businesses, compared with £539 million in 586 businesses the year before.

Warning from Pilkington

PILKINGTON warned yesterday that it expected its results to continue to be depressed by falls in the price of raw float glass in Europe. After announcing a better-than-expected profit rise of 47 per cent to £212 million — before a £155 million charge for a major restructuring programme — the glass and building materials maker said that falls of up to 20 per cent in the price of raw float glass in Europe had resulted in an 8 per cent reduction in the price of the company's "downstream products" in the European construction market construction market

The company said that total return on opening shareholders' funds for the year was 25.4 per cent, against a gain of 25.2 per

cent for the FTSE All-Share Total Return Index. Shareholders' funds rose from £2.06 billion to £2.53 billion. — Tony May

The company has an agreement with unions in the US, UK, and Germany, about how to carry out 1,900 job cuts, as part of previously announced reorganisation. The programme is ahead

The group was able to limit the impact of the fall in float glass prices to 8 per cent by changing the mix of sales towards higher-margin value-added products, improved efficiencies and price rises. Early indications were that price rises of 8 to 10 per cent in the European construction market had been accepted by custom-ers. — Tony May

Sparky Midlands Electricity

COST-cutting and higher profits from the generation and supply of electricity pushed pre-tax profits at Midlands Electricity up by half to 2266.6 million on £1.3 billion turnover.
In its last set of results before being bought by Avon Energy
Partners, the joint venture formed by two US utilities. Midlands

said profits had also been boosted by the sale of its stake in the National Grid and the absence of losses at the Powerbouse Retail chain. Earnings rose 2.3 per cent to £164.5 million adjusted for excptional items, Powerhouse losses, Grid dividends and the company's special dividend. The company said 1,064 staff had left in the two years to last

March. The generating business turned in an operating profit of 28.3 million, compared with last year's £3.3 million loss. Chairman Bryan Townsend said the total value returned to shareholders since October 1994 was £778 million. Avon, owned by General Public Utilities and Cinergy of the US, declared its £1.78 billion offer for Midlands unconditional yester-

day. The company speaks for 77.6 per cent of Midiands shares.

• Northern Ireland Electricity yesterday announced a 23.7 per cent increase in profits to £107.4 million on £534.7 million turn-

it's good to talk

for gross national

product Nicholas

Bannister reports

nancial institutions,

investing in a company which will raise more than

\$1 billion (£670 million) to fund telecom projects in de-

WorldTel plans to en-

courage the building of te-lecom networks in areas

where big commercial oper-

ators have been reluctant

born, self-made telecom

millionaire who chairs

WorldTel, said it would in-

vest only in projects involv-

ing more than one million

new phone lines, and that the technology was likely to be digital and wireless-

WorldTel is the brain-child of the International

Telecommunications Union. the United Nations body which has 135 countries

and more than 400 telecom

companies as members. It is

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to invest.

including NatWest, is

Medeva collects Low-profile but proud, Siebe \$1bn firm to fund seeks businesses to plug into phones for poor

Room at the top...Chrysler chairman Robert Eaton (right) with Robert Stanley, designer of the carmaker's pentastar logo, on the executive level of the group's \$1.5 billion new headquarters in Michigan

HOTOGRAPH CARLOS GEORGE

OUTLOOK/Pauline Springett on the

bours, Siebe appears to have less you count the dilemma

ucts and will be regenerating them and generating earnings," he said. "This deal is Medeva's most significant The low public profile of tronics and engineering comnanies is mainly attributable He added that the purchase would boost the US share of to the products it makes temperature and appliance the group's total sales from 62 per cent to 70 per cent and allow scope for restructuring. "In short, we're buying

household names.

Medeva expects to raise its profits from £28.9 million to 233 million in the six months to June 30 and expects to declare an interim dividend of 1.65p a share, up from 1.40p He declined to comment on whether any existing jobs wouldbe cut in the US, where

another good year.
For Siebe watchers, the main interest centres on the the company already employs 1,000 staff. Medeva is to take with the purchase of Roches-ter. Mr Bogie added that the group expected to make a £65 million charge against current-year profits for

restructuring.
The acquisitions will be part-funded by a conditional placing of 49.4 million new Medeva shares at 220p to buy more companies.
Simple really, especially raise £108.7 million with the balance being met from Medeva's existing cash balances and borrowing facilities.

fortunes of the electronics company

lesser known residents. But, unlike its royal neighover how to spend its next £100 million.

controls for large industrial plants do not tend to make

It is also because 93.1 per cent of its sales are outside the UK, nearly half in North

Yesterday. Siebe found itself enjoying the City's affec-tions as it unveiled a better than expected set of results. Chief executive Allen Yurko declared he was very proud of the figures and said that the company was on course for

company's acquisition strategy. Short of announcing what it has its eye on. Siebe is refreshingly forthcoming about its plans. It wants to get bigger. which means it will

when you are generating the sort of cash Siebe does. A quick glance over the past year shows that Siebe has not been idle in the acquisitions department. The five companies it bought in the financial year to the beginning of April cost around £100 million. They were in various parts of the world, from Brazil to Australia, reflecting Siebe's increasingly global The big buy was the subsequent acquisition of its rival, Unitech. In March Siebe

It is acquiring the balance by offering Siebe shares in exchange. The total cost of the acquisition will be 2500 mil-

Even by Siebe's increas-ingly exalted standards, that makes the Unitech purchase a big deal and it is going to take Mr Yurko a little longer than the 30 days he has had so far to digest what he has bought.

His message to the City was not to panic. Slebe has uncovered no nasty surprises at Unitech and is determined that it will not dilute earnings when its performance is added into the parent company's figures at the next reporting stage, Mr_Yurko acknowledged

equipment market had shown signs of faltering with the growth of Far Eastern mar-kets apparently slowing. But he said that Unitech and Siebe were already reaping the benefits of being able to So what is next on Mr Yur ko's shopping list? The tar gets are, he said, likely to be in the £25 million — £50 million range, bringing the total spending for this year, ex-cluding Unitech, to around

£100 million. But he insisted that Siebe was not about to become an impulse shopper. He said: "They (the pur-chases) will have to fit. They will really have to bring something to the party. We don't have to do anything." Mr Yurko was at pains, in deed, to stress that the party was already going with a

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string of statistics for the var-ious divisions — sales, profits before tax, organic growth — most of which showed tidy

There was the merest hint of anxiety over the margins. Overall, there was a 14.3 per cent margin, compared to last year's figure of 14.4 per cent. But, Mr Yurko said, acquisi-tions had the tendency to de-press the overall margins slightly.

He said it generally took

swing, as he rattled off a of its five divisions — com pressed air and mechanical showing signs of rebounding nicely, while the other three control systems, temperature and appliance controls. were holding their own. Although Siebe gave itself a very public pat on the back for its performance, its man-

agement did acknowledge that part of the reason for its optimism about the current year — it is looking for a 10 three to four years for Siebe to pull the margins of a new purchase up to the company standard of 14 per cent.

Mr Yurko stressed that two years for 3 10 per cent rise in sales — was that the economy in its all important US market is much more buoyant than it had expected.

informative:

1996, First Direct Base Rate has been reduced by 0.25% to **5.75%**

With effect from 6 June 12.00% p.a. (APR 12.4%)

Trafalgar accuses rival of industrial espionage

Dan Atkinson

OLICE may be asked to investigate allegations of industrial espionage made by the Trafalgar House conglomerate against Austrian civil engineering group Voest Alpine Industrieanlagenbau.

Trafalgar last week executed civil search warrants against VAI's offices in Poole and claims to have recovered computer discs and thousands of documents containing information stolen from Davy Inter-national, Trafalgar's process-

plant subsidiary.
The so-called Anton Pillar orders were used also to search the homes of VAI UK managing director Roy Tazzyman and Graham Howe, a sales and marketing employee currently serving out his notice at Davy. The contracts.

Poole area, as is the Davy office at which Mr Howe is working. Mr Tazzyman was, until September, chief executive of Davy International, but left in the wake of mounting losses. He was subsequently recruited by VAI UK. Trafalgar, now owned by Norwegian shipbuilder and engineer Kvaerner, said yesceedings in the High Court against VAI UK, Mr Tazzyman and Mr and Mrs Graham

Howe. Mrs Howe has never

Asked if criminal proceed ings were likely, Trafalgar would say only that it was "pursuing other avenues". A loss of sensitive commercial material to VAI had harmed Davy's ability to compete for

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Lady Carla to ring up Oaks victory

Ron Cox expects Pat Eddery to initiate a Classic weekend double for Henry Cecil

ADY CARLA can answer Pat Eddery's calls in the Vodafone Oaks at Epsom today to set up a Classic weekend double for trainer Henry Cecil, who is strongly represented in tomorrow's Derby with Dushyantor, the ante-post favourite, Storm Trooper and Clever Cliche.

and Clever Cliche.
In 1985 Cecil did the Epsom
1-2 with Oh So Sharp and Slip
Anchor. Though he might not
admit it publicly, victory with
Lady Carla would be doubly
satisfying for Cecil as it
would mean foiling an Oaks
hat-rick for the Godolphin
team, who field the hot
favourite Pricket.

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Last year Cecil saw Moonshell, a filly he had trained as a two-year-old, win the Oaks in the Godolphin livery. Subsequent events led to a split with Sheikh Mohammed altowith Sheikh Mohammed altowith it is typical of the light of the parents of the light of t

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this year's Classics.
Lady Carla has not been seriously tested in winning both her races to date. She broke the two-year-old track record at Leicester last year and made all in the Lingfield and made all in the Lingfield standing time when winning Oaks Trial, thereby gaining by nine lengths first time out valuable experience of a course not unlike Epsom.

Goodwood tonight

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5 13/163 SHARAMAZ (195) W Host 11-8-9 W J O'Commer 3

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7 42035 BURNAM (27) R Struson 5-3-6 S Whitewish 6-4

8 0223-7 JOHNS SUV (2465) J Bridge 11-8-5 J Califor 5

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3-3 KUNG KUPUS (20) 1 Avoid 9-0
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500-09 PRILISTAR (14) J Exister 8-13
30-6 MODITY PHARTICIN (48) Hills 6-12

20-31 MAZCOBAR (18) F Norm 8-12 3-34 EWHITHESS HERSELF (17) M Ryan 8-12 52-0 WHITE SETTLER (18) R Hodges 8-10 1-3552 WHITE PLANES (9) M Bet 6-9

13 68-02 SMANA (4) R Namon 3-5
14 000 SAM ROCKETT (26) G Horgan 3-5
15 0-03 ROVAL EXPOSEC (20) R Hannon 3-2
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LITTLE BELLE (38) P Hayner 7-12

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9.00 GEORGE STUBBS HANDICAP SI EA,056

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8.30 hall and company building nationals supplier classing states syo ?!

TOP FORSE TIPS: Honorable Estate 8, Shely Girl 7, Honor Golf Express 6

Betting: 1"— Shar, Girl 7— Honorable Estate 6—I Never Golf Express, Mystical Maid, 10—I Silhourtin, 10—Shar, Girl 7—I Honorable Estate 6—I Never Golf Express, Mystical Maid, 10—I Silhourtin, 13 research.

Pricket, trained last season by Cecil and a full sister to be lightly dismissed. the stable's 1988 Oaks winner Diminuendo, has dominated the betting ever since her emphatic five lengths victory at Newmarket.

She certainly looked the part there, but the form has not worked out. Cecil's Magnificient Style, who was supplemented for the Oaks only to be pulled out yesterday owing to the factish expend. owing to the fastish ground, did win at York after trailing

in third behind Pricket. But there were valid reasons for Magnificient Style's defeat. Take her out of jockey, Michael Kinane, the equation, and Pricket beat switches to the Cecil-trained

the 1,000 Guineas, where she finished two places behind the staying on Honest Guest, but she has plenty to prove.

Overnight thunderstorms and any easing in the ground would put Camporese in the picture. She clocked an outat Haydock on good to soft. Michael Stoute has saddled

a winner (Unite) and five | placed horses in the last 10 runnings of the Oaks. His runner today, Whitewater Affair, has been supplemented at a cost of £15,000 and cannot

But she seemed very well suited by soft ground at Goodwood last time and may find it hard to keep up with Lady Carla (4.05) once Eddery

says go. Stoute had to accept defeat with Dr Massini yesterday, and the colt was taken out of the Derby after succumbing to another bout of lameness. He is expected to recover in time for a tilt at the Irish Derby at the end of the

Dr Massini's intended Storm Trooper, leaving luck-less stable jockey Willie Ryan without a ride. Ryan has also been overlooked for Cecil's other Derby runner. Clever Cliche, who will be partnered by Richard Hughes.

Double Leaf, stable compan-ion of Dr Massini, will be ridden by the Irish champion Johnny Murtagh, who replaces the injured Ray

In a welcome contrast to reports of injured jockeys and horses, Mark Tompkins issued an optimistic bulletin about Even Top, who worked well yesterday morning and is on course for Epsom.

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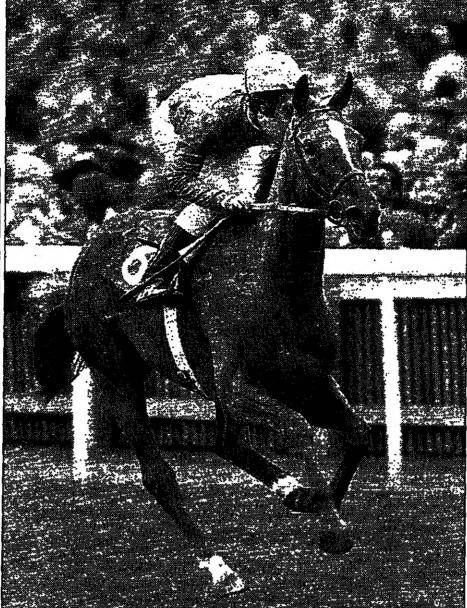
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Dane O'Neill will miss the entire Royal Ascot meeting after being suspended for 10 days at Goodwood yesterday when found guilty of reckless riding aboard Without Friends in the Buster Haslam and Paddy Morrissey Claiming Stakes. O'Neill, who plans to appeal, is banned from June 15. Mysilv earned a crack at the Prench Champion Hurdle

later this month after finishing a good second to Montperle in the Prix la Barka over an extended two miles and five furlongs at Auteuil yesterday. Blinkered today for the first time: CATTERICK 2.40 Imp Express, Kiwud; 3.10 Mathon. EPSOM: 2.15 Rude Awakening; 4.40 Alessia; 5.15 Lituus. HAYDOCK: 7.45 Power Game, Ebony Boy. PERTH: 8.00 White Diamond; 3.30 Wise Advice; 4.00 Just

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(11-1): 3, Bown The Yard (11-1): 4, Jimpieroer (11-1): 13-8 fay Awatch, 16 ran. 3, 15.
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IONEL EDWARDS, an- | event. But he had recovered ner" by the Paul Cole stable on Wednesday night, made it to Goodwood races after all to | was declared for the race, but land yesterday's Albert Auc- in the morning he was sound

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tion Stakes at 5-1

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land is a massive honour. Even if it means turning up stand, you're still representine your country. Or sitting in a bar having a

few drinks before flying home club class. Pearce, needless to say, was not a member of England's Intemperance Seven in

Hong Kong.
"We're all professionals."
he pointed out. "We should all be acutely aware of our job. which is to go out and play to the best of our ability."

Pearce believes England can win the European Cham-plonship, and that is not mere meren't setting the world alight in 1990," he said, "but is now in the end we got through our on the more our momentum

Robson's team went out of that World Cup to West Germany on penalties in the Turth semi-final. Pearce's lick was saved by Higher's least before Chris Waddle wird England's next over the

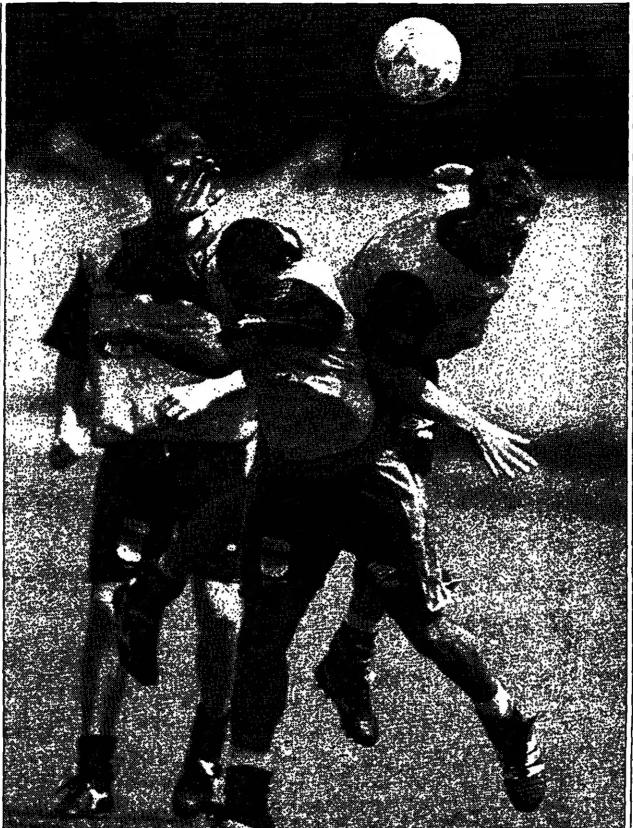
rel of the job I do," he shrugged yesterday. "You're going to make mistakes and iniss penalties. I'd be more than happy to take another in coles in shoot-out this time if I'm

England's last European the Championship is generally in regarded as a debacle, but fearer feels that if his freeittel: against France late in the second, coalless game had gone in after hitting the underside of the bar, instead of bouncing out, things would have been different. "We'd he fact | have been in the semi-finals and, again, the momentum would have grown."

In that match Boll, the Inite the tough French defender, butted Pearce, who needed three stitches in a gashed cheek. "A present from Mr Boli." was how Taylor described it. This time Mr Boli is not around to distribute his

> theme of the 1994 World Cup the referees will only allow the sort of tough tacking in which Pearce specialises if the challenges are made from the front. Venables is in favour of this provided the Spanish official in charge at Wembley early sacrificial lamb.

Certainly if Paul Gascoigne blows a fuse, Pearce will be a handy man to have around. met Maybe I Switzerland may give Sebastien Jeanneret, 22. a surapprect into thore, pastien dearmeret, as a some price place in defence tomorphism with Marc Hottiger and playing the flathened football row with Marc Hottiger and and plane in play for Eng. Raphael Wicky suspended.



Tangled trio ... Ince, centre, and Southgate, right, tussle as Anderton looks on at Bisham Abbey yesterday

lan Malin finds the Dutch in confident but diplomatic form at their St Albans HQ

OLLECTIVE responsibility may be England's vogue phrase and it slipped from the lips of Dennis Bergkamp yesterday as Holland, the favourites to win Group A. gathered at their headquarters in the cathedral city of St

Albans. But the Arsenal striker, at But the Arsenal striker, at 27 something of a semior pro in this young Dutch side, was not hiding behind the words after any high jinks on the squad's flight from Amsterdam to Luton; Bergkamp is not keen on flying and travelled to Hertfordshire via

The suspension of Danny Blind means Bergkamp will captain Holland in their opening game against Scotland at Villa Park on Monday afternoon. "We've a strong collec-tive responsibility; there'll be 11 leaders in our side," he said, sipping nothing stronger than a mineral water.

"We are a younger side than in 1992 but there's a lot of quality in the team. That's not to say Scotland will be easy. They also are a different team from the one we played four years ago and they'll be hard to beat."

The man named after Denis aw has happy memories of the Scots, against whom he scored the only goal in Goth-enburg in the 1992 European Championship. But not every-thing has gone his way in the orange shirt of late; before Tuesday, when he scored in the 3-1 defeat of the Republic

had gone over a year without a goal for the Dutch. Bergkamp expects to play a

more forward part on Mon-day should Patrick Kluivert not recover from the knee injury that has prevented him playing a full game for Ajex since April 13. "We're still drawing fluid

from the knee after every training session," said Holland's coach Guus Hiddink.
"We have to be careful. There are still many doubts about Patrick, we have many injuries. Frank de Boer is out of the tournament and now Hoekstra and Ronald de Boer are also doubtful. They and Kluivert are the backbone of our team.

The loss of Blind and Frank de Boer means the experi-enced Roda JC defender. Johan de Kock, will face the Scots. Frank de Boer will miss a team bonus deal worth about £172,000 should Holland win the tournament.

As ever, the players know how to flex their muscles in Holland. Hiddink has had his critics back home and last year faced a players' boycott when seven of his Ajax stars refused to appear in a friendly against Portugal in protest against playing too many matches.

Not surprisingly, Hiddink was playing down his side's chances yesterday. Deadpan at the best of times, he was asked about England, their Group A opponents at Wembley on Tuesday week. "They will be very competitive and in front of their own supporters, sure, they are one of the favourites," he answered diplomatically.

And who would be his most difficult opponents? "Scot-land," he said, to Dutch and English guffaws. Like every manager, he is taking each

Sunderland snap up Rae.

SUNDERLAND's manager Peter Reid celebrated signing a new three-year contract yesterday by agreeing a fee of around £750,000 with Millwall for their combative

midfielder Alex Rae. Reid was meeting the for-mer Scottish Under-21 inter-national last night with Sunderland confident they would resolve "one or two minor snags." Reid said: "He is a player I've tracked since my days at Manchester City. He's an attacking midfield player | ham — in the hunt for 23who can get goals."

Paul Parker is poised to be-

come Jim Smith's latest tract with Rovers.

recruit at Derby by leaving Manchester United for the Premiership newcomers over

The 32-year-old former Eng-land defender is a free agent after his contract at Old Trafford expired last mouth.

Oxford's manager Denis Smith has made a £1 million offer for the Bristol Rovers striker Marcus Stewart. Smith has joined three Premiership clubs - Southamp. year-old Stewart, who recently rejected a new coast

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There's procably one somewhere and the Fuggles Brewery. Bue rockedy's found it yet.



Monty mugged by rough

David Davies at Forest in Arden

OLIN Montgomerie, nine shots behind the leader Andrew Oldcorn. win the Alamo English Open.
"All it needs." he said after
yesterday's opening 75, "is
three 67s. I'm hoping and expecting something in the mid-

sixties in the second round." Montgomerie, an advisor to the owners, found that the course he had helped set up had turned on him. After decreeing US Open-style rough. he found he could not get out of it. "In six attempts to get up and down, I dropped seven shots," he said. That is the equivalent of being mugged

by your own bodyguard. Nor was he helped by deteriorating greens that made it difficult to retrieve errors with good putting. It was significant that Oldcorn, out

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Results

Rugby Union HEIMEKEN EUROPEAN CUP:

ish, European and World Boys championships in the struggled to turn amateur promise into professional

accomplishment. Having earned his Tour card this year, be missed the cut in his first nine tournsments before finally making it in Germany last week. But by following rounds of 69 and 71 with 78 and 75 he finished dead last. At least he had

made some money. Yesterday he reached another milestone. After nine holes he was leading on four under par. "That's a first, to see my name on the leader-board," he said. "Okay, so it was only nine holes. Now I'll have to make it 18 and 36 and He took 40 to come home, a

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Tennis

during the morning, needed only 28 putts in his 66.

Michael Welch, who six years ago won the Shropshire, Midland, English, Briting in the lake that fronts the 12th and 17th greens. Last year Rodger Davis did

space of a few months, has the same and, to much amuse ment, climbed into the boat normally stationed there to be solemnly rowed out to his ball by his caddie. But yesterday the boat had vanished. David Garland, the tourna-

ment director, explained: "It's not in the spirit of the game for people to Jump into boats and row to islands. I didn't think it looked good on TV last year.

That opinion would be strongly contested by viewers who considered it one of last year's highlights of the event. As for it not being in the spirit, surely if your ball is in bounds, visible and playable, there should be an opportu-nity to play it. Besides which,

7-5. P Morraid (SA) bt J Stollenberg (Aus) 6-4. 7-6. M Codruszka (SA) bt M Barnard (SA) 6-7. 6-2. 6-1. Worners Guarfer-Gasalas C Stopur (Ger) bt E De Lone (US) 6-2. 6-4. M Vestbo (Ven) bt R hvalu (Japan) 6-4. 8-3: C Wood (GB) bt L Pozur (US) 6-3. 6-2. T Krizze (Sio) bt D Graham (US) 6-4. 7-5, 6-3.

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Baseball

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Cycling

Faldo suffers problems with his Hockey swing while driving the Buick

David Henderson in Harrison, New York

IICK FALDO was a in a Ndilemma after beginning the countdown to the US Open next week with a laborious 71 yesterday in the Buick Classic here at Westchester.

The Masters champion in his final tournament be fore moving next week to Oakland Hills in Detroit. was bewildered that a swing previously so sweet could turn so sour. With little wind and warm sunshine Faldo ex-

pected to make an early run at the title, but only on the final two holes did he find his rhythm. He mustered two birdies from the 5,779yard course and was relieved to match par. "I hit a lot of bad shots

and didn't get it close to the hole all day," he said. "I have a lot of work to do before I even think about the US Open.

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BRAMMAN THEEL-DAY EVENTY Load-ing first-day dressage positions: 1, Stroke of Luck (B Tar, NZ) 48 2pts; 2, The Bishop (S Lowrance GB) 50.8; 3, Forest Glen (I Stark, GB) 51.0, 4, Sydney James (D Clapham GB) 53.0; 5, Ballycotion (S Longshaw, GB) 54.2; 6, Morning Star (L MUTTEY GB) 56.6.

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Faldo, a perfectionist, was horrified at the incon-sistency of his swing and phoned his coach David Leadbetter in Orlando in an attempt to unravel what had gone wrong.

"I had nine different swings out there today. Fortunately, I had a video taken of my game and it is already on its way to David. I'll probably call him collect; it could be a long conversation."

Sandy Lyle snap-hooked Sandy Lyle snap-hooked his way to a 76 after walking out of a rain-delayed US Open qualifier in Columbus. "We had been called off the course twice and I quit because I had better things to do." said the Scot. "My play was rubbish and I shall be glad to get home."

Costantino Rocca. who beat Faldo for the recent Volvo PGA Championship.

Volvo PGA Championship, set the early pace on a four-under 67 along with the Americans Mike Reid, John Wilson and the local quali-fier Arjun Atwal.

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Fixtures

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Hockey

A Chineso second division Jiangau Jiajia, have been fine-yuan (£300) by the Chinese FA at supporters threw bottles of miner at a referoe.

Garcia spot on as Britain beat Germany

Pat Rowley

GREAT BRITAIN rekindled the spirit of 1988 by defeating the Germans yesterday for the first time since the Olympic final in Seoul. Russell Garcia secured a 2-1 win in Bad Nauhaim with two nepolities

heim with two penalties.

in at the far post in the fourth

Britain were level by the 12th minute when Takher was fouled by Carsten Fischer and Garcia beat the goalkeeper low to his right from

Germany missed several chances, but Garcia, shooting high this time, put Britain in front right on half-time after Takher was again fouled.

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Valighan valiant as debutant tackles Y

Novotna cracks on baked clay

Stephen Bleriey in Paris

HE Roland Garros faithful have been denied the women's final they so badly wanted. Steffi Graf kept her side of the bargain with a 6-3. 6-1 victory over Conchita Martinez but earlier the thou-sands on the centre court, braving temperatures of over 100F, had watched in obvious and increasing frustration as Jana Novotna, the congueror Jana Novotna, the conqueror of Monica Seles, fell to Arantza Sanchez Vicario.

Given her brittle record the chances of Novotna beating Sanchez Vicario were pretty slim. The Spaniard scuffles and scurries hither and thither with a persistence that can drive even the most level headed of her companies. sanchez Vicario were pretty slim. The Spaniard scuffles and scurries hither and thither with a persistence that can drive even the most level-headed of her opponents into a state of high anxiety. Stress and apprehensive st

Stress and apprehension whirl around Novotna's head at the best of times, trailing clouds of self-doubt and condemning hear all the least of times. demning her to lose matches from positions of monumen-tal strength.

It was obvious from the start yesterday that she was straining every brain cell to stay calm, cool and collected. While Sanchez Vicario stood at the net waiting to start the match, Novotna spent almost a minute carefully arranging and rearranging her towel.

But there was only likely to be one winner in any war of the psyche. The Czech strove mightily to break the Span-jard's pour of the Spaniard's serve in the fourth game but, having failed, she was herself broken twice as Sanchez Vicario reeled off 14 successive points.

Not that the Spaniard was playing very well Novotna's game was littered with un-forced errors and when she briefly left the court after the first set, it was unkindly suggested she had gone off to see

anything. She just runs around the court and gets the ball back." Novotna said afterwards. "She's always her good form here — until waiting for the salways her good form here — until the salways here good form here — until the salways here. waiting for somebody else's mistakes." Her own mistakes came in hearts, spades, diamonds and clubs during that awful first set. But she could hardly play any worse and

Novotna's inconsistency soon doused them; she had her chances but was simply incapable of playing the telling volley or overhead when it mattered Carebas Viceriols it mattered. Sanchez Vicario's goes phut. Martinez had been expected

Trouble courts Capriati again

JENNIFER CAPRIATI is Jin trouble again. A com-plaint of assault and battery has been made against the 20-year-old former prodigy by a waitress in a Tampa nightclub. According to police, Capristi had an argument with her boyfriend at Bubba's Beach Club on Sunday night and aimed a punch at him which instead found the left eye of Angela Larson, who was standing nearby. Capriati was not detained

because Larson initially waived charges. But she later filed a complaint and statement from Capriati, who left the circuit suff-ering from "burn out" in 1993 but returned this year after two spells of drug rehabilitation.

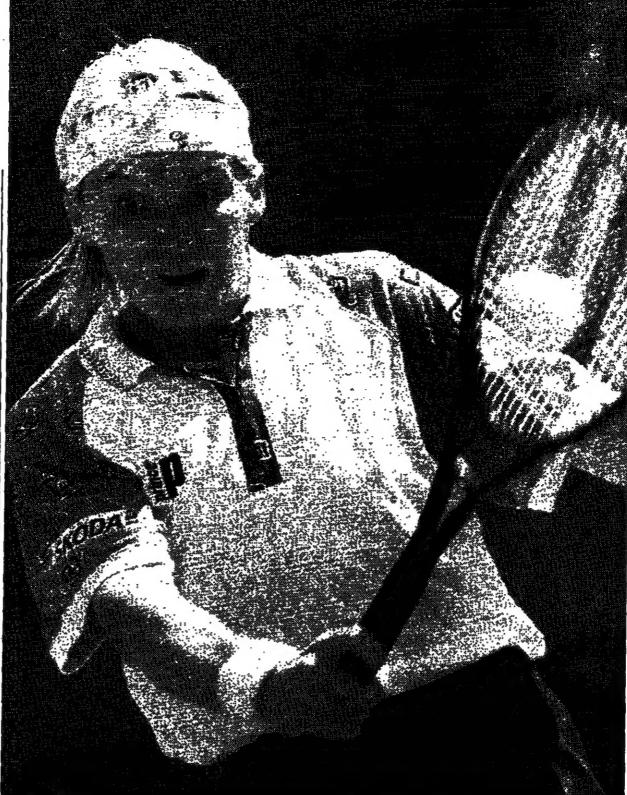
yesterday afternoon. There was little pattern to the first set bar the five successive breaks of serve, three of them against Martinez. But eventually Graf served out at 6-3 and then began to crack away those wonderful forehands with such weight and power

Graf suggested the intense heat had had its effect. The German, at last free of back troubles, looked supremely fit of Martinez. So tomorrow's final will be a repeat of last year, when Graf beat Sanchez Vicario in three sets.

They also met in the 1989 final when the Spaniard memorably chalked up her first Grand Slam win. Statistics never tell the whole tale but remarkably this will be Graf's 26th Grand Slam final and her eighth here, where she has won four times. With the bot weather burnishing the clay courts, making them much faster than usual, nobody will be betting against her making that five French Open titles. ● The British No. 1 Tim Hen-man, selected yesterday for the Olympics men's team along with Greg Rusedski and the doubles specialist Neil Broad, was eliminated from the Beckenham grass-court tournament, beaten 3-6, 7-5, 7-5 by the Davis Cup failure

Mark Petrhey.
Clare Wood, also named for Atlanta with the doubles player Valda Lake, earned a semi-final against the German top seed Christina Singer by beating the American Laxmi Poruri 6-3, 6-2.
The furner petronel No. 1

The former national No. 1 Jeremy Bates departed Beckenham after a 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 de-feat by Roger Smith of the Bahamas, ranked 612 places lower than the soon-to-retire 33-year-old Briton.



Face facts . . . Jana Novotna shows the strain on her way to a straight-sets semi-final defeat by Arantxa Sanchez Vicario

County Championship

Leicestershire v Kent

Sanford expert, Simmons exotic

Paul Weaver at Leicester

DWARD STANFORD, that most English-sounding of cricketers; is Min Patel's replacement in the Kent side. He is probably qualified to play Test cricket

Yesterday, in only his second championship match, he bowled with precocious consistency and control on a soporific day to drag his side back to parity with Leicester-shire, who had dominated the early afternoon through Phil Simmons and Ben Smith.

He took only three wickets, and that was a career best, but he was impressive for accuracy, full length and variation of flight during his 27 overs of sweaty toil. Carl Hooper also twirled away impressively in the lengthening shadows as Leicestershire closed on 321 for seven, just

three runs behind. Kent, who had started the second day on 318 for eight, lost their last two wickets for six runs in four overs. Leicestershire's innings then followed a similar pattern, a tough struggle against mean bowling lightened by a single ous innings had brought him 25, 51, 143 not out and 58. This time be scored 82 from 75 balls with 15 fours and a six. There were seven boundaries in his first 38 runs and 10 in

his half-century. Ben Phillips was hit for four fours in an over and when he was replaced by Stanford, Simmons struck the young left-armer's first ball. for six over deep midwicket. His runs dominated a thirdwicket stand of 101 in 22 overs with Ben Smith, who looked fluent enough himself before the West Indian's arrival. Leicestershire had already

lost Darren Maddy, who spliced a hook to short midwicket, and Vince Wells. caught behind off the new slimline Martin McCague. Wells unselfishly gave Simmons free rein but once the Trinidadian was out, a most disappointed lbw victim of

his Test colleague Hooper, he struggled to pick up the pace against determined bowling. His first championship century for a year took 281 minutes and 231 balls.

Simmons is clearly a player of some talent. He has even been likened to David Gower locally, although this was a innings of exotic strokeplay.

The exotica came from Simmons, whose four previous Gowerlike day.

Vaughan valiant as Surrey debutant tackles Yorkshire

with an impressive performance against second-placed Yorkshire at Middlesbrough. Hollioake, the younger brother of Adam, took four for 74 to enabled a weakened

home side for 305. it could have been worse for Yorkshire, whose captain David Byas had won his fifth toss in six championship matches, but for an innings of 135 by Michael Vaughan, who hit 28 fours in his stay of 217

Surrey attack to dismiss the

But Hollioake struck the

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HE 18-year-old Surrey crucial blow when he de seamer Ben Hollioake marked his first-class debut a pull to be comfortably csived Bevan, who mistimed a pull to be comfortably caught at mid-on.

Vaughan eventually departed to a casual stroke out-side the off-stump off Joey Benjamin to offer a straightforward slip catch, and the last four wickets produced only 35.

Rob Bailey, 111 not out, and Mal Loye, with 98, rode their luck at Trent Bridge and helped Northamptonshire take charge. Nottinghamshire's Chris

Tolley dropped both hatsmen before they went on to a thirdwicket partnership of 191 in 61 overs as Northants reached 269 for three. There were two more cen-

tury-makers at Hove, where Alan Wells scored 113 and Bill Athey 102 as Sussex amassed 302 for four against Durham. The day's top scorer was Chris Adams, who hit an unbeaten 213 to put Derbyshire in a powerful position against Hampshire at Southampton. The right-hander, who survived two chances, ended

three runs short of his careerthest score after batting for al-timost six hours as Derbyshire

Somerset v Warwickshire

Caddick turns heads

David Foot at Taunton

HAT single-minded pre-war Somerset captain John Daniell never, on principle, put the opposition in after winning the toss. It was not even considered an option, in the same way that he would not contemplate conceding a scrum against the head when

he hooked for England. Jack White, who followed him as the skipper at Taunton, was equally unyielding. As a farmer he appreciated the sunshine; it was, he argued, made for batting and in any case it gave him the chance for a snooze after a couple of hours' haymaking before he got to the ground.

So the first surprise yester day was when Andy Hayhurst won the toss and chose to bowl. It was a glorious day and once upon a time the tactic would have been unthinkable. Some countles simply prefer eventually to chase, of course, but there was more to it than that."

The pitch had a Granny Smith veneer and Andy Cad-dick could not wait to get at it. This he did with sustained ag-gression and skill. Warwickshire were all out for 255 and shire were all out for 255 and five of the wickets went to Caddick. He deserved better and must have been pained more by dropped catches than the shin problems which now appear to have been rectified, making him once again genuine Test match material.

Westwickshire had lost two

Warwickshire had lost two wickets by the seventh over. Khan parted company with his leg stump via an inside edge while Ostler perished to a low catch at third slip. Caddick then beat Penney three times in an over, but the batsman survived to give Warwickshire more substance than they might have ex-pected. He stayed, with his own kind of chancy resilience and some good shots. for three hours before being

smartly run out by Lathwell from midwicket for 77. Rose put an end to 74 minutes of caution by the stand-in captain Moles. Lee lacked line with his bowling, Shine might have been used more. Pollock scored useful runs until caught at point and Smith clubbed effectively at the end.

Somerset's response was not altogether reassuring. Lathwell and Hayhurst disappeared lbw to the consistently classy Pollock. Bowler was going along well until bril-liantly held, ankle height, at square cover. At the close Somerset were 106 for four. It had been in every sense a good, evenly balanced day's cricket. Farmer White would have been happy to take his

mind off the hayrick.

Essex v Lancashire

Elevated Grayson does his best

T was not a good day for Peter Martin, but it could have been much worse. Surprisingly left out of England's 11 for Edgbas-ton, he was spared the un-pleasant task of bowling at a rampant Essex batting line-up in energy-sapping conditions when Lancashire told him to head north for Manchester and put his feet up. But John Crawley was

required. Lancashire were

Scoreboard

County Championship

Lelevier Leleviershire (Phil) is (ii) by thee runs with three first-weckets standing. RENT Page 1

Total (114 overs) 224
Pall of wiskets count 378,
Rewilling: Millins 27-9-43-3; Parsons
21-5-56-3; Wells 8-1-22-0; Plerson
22-5-70-1; Simmons 18-3-43-3; Erimon

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First landings
Y J Viete c Marsh b McCague —
D L Maddy a Philips b McCague —
S F Smith not out —
1 P V Summons law b Hooper —
2 J Whitaker c Preston b Stanford —
1 P A Nitron b Stanford —
1 P A Nitron b Stanford —
1 J Althie b Hooper —
3 J Parsons not out —
2 J Parson not out —
2 Lettes (16.6, 2-9) —

Perst Inclings
G A Goodh c Austle b Kendy ______19
D D J Robleson Ibw b Chappie _____ (A P Grayaco b Kendy ______15)

Total for 6, 115 overs) ______446 Pall of wickels: 5, 178, 388, 390, 401, 425. To halt: P M Such, A P Goven, S J W

Addrse: Nacion, A P. Cowed, S. J. W. Addrse: Rewellings Chapple 15-1-55-1; Eworling 15-0-57-0; Austin 22-3-98-2; Waltingson 28-8-105-1; Keedy 34-11-75-2; Speak 5-0-18-0.

5-D-18-O.
LANCASHSINE: JI T Wood, N J Speak, J P
Crawley, S P Tichard, G D Lloyd, "N Was-kinson, TW K Hagg, I D Autilia: S Elworthy,
G Chapote, G Kasdy.

NOTTE WINGSTRANTS
Trust Bridges Northemptonshire (20ts)
have scored 269 for dree in their legi
hintings against Notinghamshire (1).
MORTHAMPTONEMENT

"R J Bailey not out _____

Total for 3 107 overs) 289
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To bests D J Capel, †R J Werren, A L Penberthy, A R Roberts, & E Emburey, G E L

mbrose. lowflag: Cairns 18-4-42-1; Evans 5-11-42-2; Pick 20-7-42-0; Alford 2-8-54-0; Batas 14-4-45-0; Talley

Robinson, G.F. Archer, P. Johnson, H. N.P. Walker, C.L. Cairne, C.M. Tolley, K.P. Evans, R.T. Babes, P. A. Pick, J.A. Afford

A P Grayson b Keedy
8 G Law & Elworthy b Austin
P J Prichery & Techand b Austin
J J B Lewis mot out
18 J Kellins & Elworthy b Walkinson

Andy Wilson at Chelmsford | willing to risk playing the first session without one of their recognised batsmen, enough. Gooch (101) came | the No. 3 position usually rather than with only two seam bowlers. Sure enough they lost the toss, Essex batted and Gooch forced them to turn to Martin's replacement as third esmer, Ian Austin, by the 10th over, when Crawley was still on the motorway. He arrived at half past 12, took the field after lunch and his first significant contribution was to concede four overthrows. Two of Essex's three cen-

Southerspton: Derbyshire (4pts) latve scored 389 for four in their first innings

HAMPSHUME: "J P Stephenson, J S Langy, K D James, R A Smith, P R Whi-saker, G W White, † A N Aymes, S D Udež, R J Mara, C A Commor, J N B Bovill.

Lord's: Middlesex (Apts) trail Glemorge (1) by 213 with aight first-imings wicket

and 407, 407, 407, 180 and 180

First immage
P M Weaters b Croft
J C Pooley c James b Thomas
R A Fay not out
Sciron (b), wt, siz2

Pall of micholes 11, 25
To butch M Ramprakash, "M W Gating, D Garr, HK R Brown, J P Houts, A R C Fraser, P G R Tufnell.

Sewilings Watkin 4-2-14-0; Thomas 5-2-10-1; Croft 1-1-0-1.

SUSCEX - DURHAM

W.J. Athey law b Birback ________102
A Padilord b Brown _________1
A P Walle a Cempbell b Birback ______113
Greenfield law b Brown _________38

To Balt D R C Lew, 15 Moores, I D K Sallsbury, V C Drakes, J D Lewry, E S H Glddins.

See Hings Brown 24.1-7-80-2; Betts 12-1-71-0; Birbeck 24-7-87-2; Bolling 22-8-41-0; Cox 24-7-54-0.

accomp. Cl. Carrybell, "M. A. Rengberry, DOWNLAME 31. Carrybell, "M. A. Rengberry, J. E. Morris, D. A. Bienkirne, P. D. Celling-wood, S. D. Skriveck, †C. W. Scott, M. M. Bettis, S. J. E. Brown, J. Boiling, D. M. Cox. Hypothese T. E. Leiser, and M. J. Wilsham.

nex (Opts) have scored 302 to

Total (for 2, 10 overs) Fell of valoketes 11.

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M P Maynard a Brown b Hewill

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M P A Crafter c Rrown b Hewill

144 came off 164 balls with 18 fours and three sixes into the pavilion, and took the Queenslander's firstclass tally for Essex to 745 in 10 innings; it was his sixth century in 11 innings in all competitions. Paul Grayson, the 24-year-

The third centurion was old off-spinner Essex was in the crowd.

Shire (3) by 149 runs with six first inches

Total (73.1 overs) 255 Fair 3, 7, 48, 124, 159, 202, 214, 219, 340, Bowlings: Caddick 25-6-76-5; Shine 11-1-3-3-0; Rose 13, 1-4-37-2; Lee 19-6-85-2; Batty 7-3-19-0.

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270, 301, 301.

Bordings Julian 17-3-40-1; Benjamin 18.3-4-75-3; B C Holloute 21-5-74-4; Pearson 15-3-38-1; A J Hollouke 5-3-24-1.

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T L Panny run out
D R Brown c Luthwell b Caddick
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W J Piper Blue D Caddick
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enough. Gooch (101) came the No. 3 position usually within eight of scoring a filled by Nasser Hussain, he hundred before lunch on reached the second century the first day for the fourth time in his career. Law's of his career, and beat his previous best of 100 for Yorkshire against Worcestershire, with 129 from 237 balls including 17 fours. Essex's close-of-play

score represented quite an improvement for Lancashire. But it was still a tough baptism for their 21year-old debutant Nathan Wood, whose father Barry

Other match (Today: 11.30)

Total Ror D. 15 overs)

Te batt A N Ridley, C G R Lightfoot, 7J N
Batty, W S Kendall, H S Makk, M A Wagh,
R 8 Thamson, S P Du Preuz, D P Mather,
Bearthage Newport 5-4-3-0; Precce
7-0-46-0; Raymoley 3-1-2-0
Unspires: V A Holder and J Lloyds

Bain Hogg Trophy hire (5) by 229 name with eight first-in-

Bain Hogg Trophy
Bristob Somerset 257 (K A Parsons 251Gloucestershire 237-6 (I J Cunlife 85, M A
Lymph 71, N J Trainor 70). Somerse! won
by 30 rune.
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Normants won by seven wickets.
Steeley: MCC Young Professionals: 235-8
Lineal 72, R Rap 57, M Sponght Simpl.
Sussex: 237-2 Sussex won by eight
wickets.
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Simple 192 (Atzaal 3-21). Notlinghamshire won by 88 runs.

Starting today

BAM HOOD TROPHY (one day: 11.0):

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Another Lord's barrier comes down next Thursday when he MCC will allow members' wives and partners into the famous pavision for the first time. The occasion is the first women's one-day international between England and New Zealand. It is a step further than that taken at the women's World Cup tinat in 1953 when the committee room was opened to the Wemen's Cricical Association.

The maket will be England's sixth at Lord's, one of six insticlass, gramds which will host lour games. The other two one-day internationals take place at

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Rugby League

Super League set back

Paul Fitzpatrick

T SEEMS certain that Super League will not get underway in Australia this season after a court in Sydney yesterday deferred a decision on Rupert Murdoch's appeal against a judgment outlawing the setting up of the competition until 2000.

The three federal court judges who heard eight days of evidence are not expected to make their ruling for at least two months, by which time the current Australian

— and European — seasons
will be drawing to a close.

The four decisions made by the "video referee" during Castleford's home defeat against Warrington last Frilay were correct according to the Rugby Football League.
Three Castleford tries were

disallowed and although one of the scores, by Chris Smith, looked valid, examination revealed that the winger had lost control of the ball close to

However, Bill Blunden, one of the touch judges, has come out of the investigation badly and his future appointments are to be reviewed. He missed the Warrington winger Richard Henare putting a foot in touch before grounding the bell for a try.
The undefeated Super

League leaders St Helens have lost two highly influential players at a crucial stage

of the season.

Derek McVey, the Australian back-row forward, will be missing for at least a month after undergoing a knee oper-ation and the half-back Tommy Martyn, outstanding against Paris last Sunday, will be absent for at least a fortnight after tearing a groin

Saints are already without their captain Bobbie Gould-ing with a cracked collar bone and John McAtee is likely to start only his third game in four years against Sheffield Eagles in Cardiff tomorrow.

There is bad news, too, for the Salford and Wales captain David Young, who damaged ankle ligaments in the international at Carcassonne on Wednesday. Young, who returns to rugby union in September, could miss the remainder of the season.

Rugby Union

Wales turn to Williams

STEVE WILLIAMS, the Neath No. 5, has won a place in the Wales team to face Australia in the first Test at Ballymore tomorrow.

Williams comes into the back row to replace Emyr Lewis, who suffered a neck injury in the midweek 27-20 defeat by New South Wales in Sydney. Hemi Taylor switches from No. 8 to blindside flanker and

Wayne Proctor will become Wales' fifth full-back in 17 internationals. Proctor, normally a wing,

early in the tour and this will be his first match.

(Bridgend): 5 Williams (Nesth), C London (Swansan), J Humphineys (Cardiff, capt), J Davies (Nesth), Q Llewesflyn (Isricquies), D Jones (Cardiff), H Taylor (Cardiff), Q Jones (Llanelff), Replacements: 5 Mill (Cardiff), A Thomas (Swansan), A Roper (Richmond), M Voyle (Newport), L Muston (Cardiff), B Williams (Nash).

• The Ireland and Sale scrum-half Chris Saverimutto will be out of action until the new year. He suffered torn knee ligaments while representing an Irish side in a sevens tournament in Benidorm and faces surgery. ● The England lock Garath Archer has been banned for 30 days by Gloucestershire's disciplinary committee after receiving two yellow cards while playing for Bristol last season. Archer, who has now transferred to Newcastle, will eague games of next season.



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INDIA'S PROFLIGATE BATSMEN CRUMBLE TO CORK

England v India: First Test, first day

England vindia: First Test, first day tried but not fully Tested tried but not fully Tested

Mike Selvey at Edgbaston

functional but flat-tered by dismal In-dian batting and catching that, with one glaring early exception, was efficlent and at times spectacular put England in charge of a Test match for the first time since the eventual wash-out at Centurion Park seven months ago in South Africa. The pitch, though not strictly true nor even-hounced, was by no means unnerving, but India batted so poorly that they were dis-missed inside 70 overs for 214.

All the England seamers took wickets: four going, inevita-bly, to Dominic Cork, three to Alan Mullally after a 10-over wait for his first, a pair to Chris Lewis and one to Ron-nie Irani from his fifth ball. Min Patel, the third England debutant, after Peter Martin and John Crawley were omitted from the origiwhen the tail was becoming of application that helps build irksome. He will hope for more work second time around on a wearing pitch.
In the 19 overs England were required to bat in the and the two tailenders, Srinevening sunlight. India ath and Mhambrey, all moved missed a chance to run out into the twenties, but only the captain before he had Srinath, at No.9, went bescored, and by the close Mike Atherton (31) and Nick Knight (27) had played flu-

being separated. Having won a good toss, in-

ently in gathering 60 without



Kumble tumbles ... Atherton snaps up India's No. 8 in the gully to give Cork the third of his four wickets

Test innings. Rathore, Manirekar - troubled by an ankle yond. He hit zine boundaries and top-scored with 52; you could have got pre-match odds of 100-1 on that happening. In the process he shared the highest stand, 53 for the dia were awful. They were penultimate wicket, with pressurised certainly, but Mhambrey, whose 38 was the contributed to their own second-top score.

in the Indian air this morning. But it is hard to blame the Indian players out of hand. In the pursuit of oneday cricket and the revenue if brings to their board, they have played just three Tests. against New Zealand, in 18 months as against 34 one-day So inured have they all be-come to the short game that,

at 142 for seven after 50 overs yesterday, it was a surprise that Joshi and Srinath did not tuck their bats under their arms and march off. Collectively, Test batsmen

spell disaster. An hour in a one-day international can transform a match: in Tests that barely sees off the shine. To their credit, England were in no mood to let such an opportunity slip. After Nasser Hussain, a crack fielder, had made a hash of a simple catch at cover-point

limited-overs matches; in

Tests, with slip cordons, they

with the game barely under way, the bowlers chipped away, backed by attacking. thoughtful fields. There was some

mainstay of the attack. He bustled in, probing and harrassing and picking up the wicket of Rathore at slip and the priceless one of Tendul kar, who launched a leadenfooted drive and saw his offstump pegged back. Cork

ning effort at shortish mid-

wicket to see the end of Az

haruddin as he clipped Irani's

half-volley ferociously off his toes. Atherton clung on to a

couple of blinders in the gully

and Thorpe took a couple

nonchalantly at first slip.
Once more Cork was the

day, and deservedly so, but only in the sure knowledge that they will come harder in

Now. warns Jorge, the pressure on the hosts is so much tion will be on them and I

Tendulkar is



David Hopps

N INDIA he was called became a simple matter of faith, as the child on a first visit to a fairground believes absolutely in The World's Strongest Man. Yet today India must realise that they are risking the unfulfilment of an outstanding sportsman. As with the fairground

strongman, Sachin Tendul-kar's reputation has been a strange mix of illusion and reality. When Dominic Cork left his off-stump splayed yesterday it was the eighth time he had been bowled in Tests, but that hardly seemed to mat ter as he built a reputation as the world's most dependable

Every Tendulkar innings used to be measured in India like the Egyptians once rated their wine — either "good".
"good good" or "good good good". But India, a land when anything of any worth is nor-mally treasured, has been careless of its wondrous

Tendulkar has played so little Test cricket recently that until yesterday he had scored fewer runs in the last 18 months than Devon Malcolm. It is also a fair bet that he had scored them less exhilaratingly, lacking Malcolm's pen-chant for the full-blooded myopic whirl.

Short-sightedness is assuredly a charge that can be levelled against the Indian cricket authorities as they have become so obsessed with the candy-floss culture of oneday cricket that Test cricket downfall with a spate of rash | The smell of burning effi- have forgotten how to play | close-catching and out-cricket | returned later to remove | has been virtually overlooked | strokes and a lack of the sort | gies may have been lingering | Test innings. Strokes angled | too. Knight took three | Kumble and cleaned up the | Tendulkar has played three Tests (and four innings) in the same period that England's Michael Atherton and Austra-lia's Mark Waugh have played

> At a time when most top players are threatened by burn-out, Tendulkar has beome immensely frustrated by his lack of Test cricket. At an age when he should be approaching his prime, he is struggling to reacquaint him-self with Test-match rhythms. revealing an impatience to dominate that has been amplified by the one-day game. He has become not as much

Sachin The Unbowlable as Sachin The Impaired. It has been assumed that it

would take something special to dismiss Tendulkar this summer, something a few scales above the commonplace delivery from Cork that flew between bat and pad as the batsman sought his favourite legside shot. Chris Cairns's slower ball wreaked similar havoc in his previous Test in

He has excused a growing tendency to play across the line by referring to "a floating technique" but it would be a pity if circumstances turned it

into a sinking one.
The only satisfactory solu-tion has been advocated before: an official league table for Test cricket, drawn up per haps over a four year period, which would leave each team duty bound to fulfil so many fixtures against the other eight Test nations.

Much has been made of its fairness to emerging teams such as Sri Lanka, but Tendulkar's fate reminds us that indi-viduals have also been poorly treated. He is capable of surpassing Gavaskar as India's most prolific Test batsmen of all time — though one would not bet on it as he has barely had a chance to reach 2,500

F YOU feel the urge for a flutter, you can bet on almost anything these days. Ladbrokes' offer of 100-1 against Javagal Srinath becoming India's top scorer which seemed a mug's bet if ever there was one - had caused a few rueful shakes of the head by mid-afternoon.

The most whimsical bet. though, has been dreamed up by Sporting Index. a spread-betting firm. They have devised the "Mike Atherton Dot-Ball Index", a calculation of bow many balls the England captain will face during the series without scoring. They set the range between 360 and 385 and most bets have forecast that the figure will be

higher. Perhaps this illustrates the conviction that Atherton will s. Other wise the vision of Atherton endlessly patting the ball back down the wicket in the cause of duty is yet another indicator of our national pessimism.

Here we are entering another Great British Summer of Sport. The Epsom Derby and Wimbledon are round the corner. Faldo is prowling the greens and a bulky plethora of Euro 96 supplements is strain-ing the backs of every paperboy and girl in the land. And the English cricketing public is eagerly calculating how many times nothing much will happen when an Indian bowls to Michael Atherton. No wonder the Americans are mystified by the whole thing.

Swiss are going blind into their Wembley opener

go blindly into the opener with England tomorrow after rejecting the chance

there this afternoon. "We will not hother now." said Jorge. "It would

take up to four hours Artur Jorge, Switzer-land's manager, was infuri-ated that his squad could and that is too much on already know the pitch lution if they don't win."

SWITZERLAND. long not work out at Wembley the day before a game." from November and we will shots for Euro 96, will yesterday and rejected the go blindly into the opener FA's invitation to train with the thick grass which England won 3-1 then. slows the ball, is unique and it would have been helpful to go there beforehand. We are not happy

think they may fear some-thing like a national revo-

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last man, Prasad, with the

Mullally and Lewis lent the

first ball of yet another spell.

attack variety, with Lewis, on

over - a good psychological

move - and taking the first

wicket. The occasional ball

smacked into Jack Russell's

gloves and he kept a steady line. The trick will be to turn

his fiery deliveries into fiery

from the generosity of Mon-gia, Joshi and Srinath for his

wickets. He can savour the

Set by Custos

Mullally benefitted largely

Across

1 A bath splashing toes, flowing out where fat is contained (7,6) 10 It's a blow, and not something

11 The Yorkshireman's remnant may win a trick (5) 12 Expression of dissatisfaction and despondency at hospital

to celebrate (3-6)

13 King and Queen, say, or three cards of the same denom-Ination (4-5) 14 Plant with ire exploding? Discipline once more needed

16 Style of tonsure makes draught start to circulate in

18 Extensive cloud begins to Uruguay (7)

20 Asmall number is clear of all charges, but getting back

21 Greek god fibbed about work 23 Asporty rubber disc, we hear,

one that's durable in Bombay? (5) 24 Sort of anaesthetic supplied by the pub (5)

25 Cancel a booking? That shows lack of restraint (9) (4-6.3)

2 Human membrane shuddering at a murder (4,5)

3 Cook gets to intrude on another's preserves (5) 4 Position among those voting

against turning up is attacked

5 On the caustic side? This is unusual about drawing, etc. (7) 6 Blissfully happy, spreading

rum, arioned by the devil (9)

CROSSWORD SOLUTION 20,672 7 Extortion in American underground's first railway (5)

8 Insufficiently available, briefly, in a flexible manner (2,5,6)

9 Fruit not served up before chicken? It's something in the atmosphere (8,5)

15 George presenting gold to religious group (9)

17 American squirrel a girl found sitting on a tall grass mostly (9) 19 Incentives may be distorted to limit us (7)

20 Disturbed sea I'd encoun-tered initially in voyage (4-3) 22 Hot in foreign resort? That's a suitable condition in life (5) 23 Was an artist's model, it's

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